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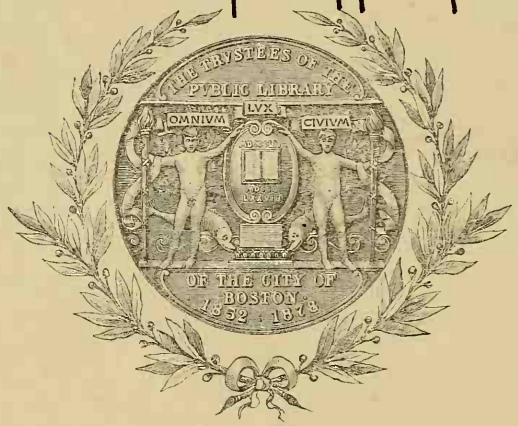

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FOREWORD

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HIS LITTLE BOOK is purely a family volume. It will be of little or no interest to people who have not had an acquaintance with the different members of the family. Our people have been common-place folk but yet they have belonged to that vast group of hardy pioneers who have made possible the achievements of America. If America is great, it is because of the substantial character of her common people.

Our immediate family had more than ordinary solidarity. As I am the only one of the family now living, I have prepared this book as a memorial volume. Since other members of the family took interest in their backgrounds and had known the relatives over scattered areas, I render only a small tribute to my family in writing down the things which have been common knowledge among us. In another generation they would have been forgotten.

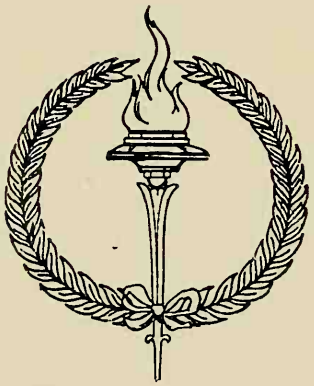
There may be some mistakes in the following pages but I think they are very few. In many places I have given the sources of information. Any information obtained from the memory of living people may not always be definite and accurate, especially in regard to dates. The book is not complete. I have simply given what information I have.

In the book are a number of pictures of myself. The pictures are used just because I happen to have the cuts which had been used on previous occasions for other purposes.

Trusting that these pages may be prized by a few of the oncoming relatives, I have sent them to the press.

Appreciation

SEVERAL of the relatives have been helpful in giving information over a period of years. I am especially indebted for information and the loan of pictures to my aunt, Mrs. Eva Richardson of Forest City, Missouri, and to the following cousins: Mrs. G. C. Mullican of Bakersfield, California, Mrs. Eva Lyons of Gardena, California, Mrs. Pearl Myers of Woodward, Oklahoma, and Thomas E. Smith of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Also Mrs. W. E. Zelley, a member of Immanuel Church and Secretary of the Western Hotel Register Company, and G. S. Monson, of the Western Hotel Register Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, have made helpful suggestions.



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SECTION I

Our Immediate Family

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WALDO HIRAM LYONS

WALDO H. LYONS

ALDO H. LYONS was born January 26, 1886, at the farm home two and one-half miles east of Center, Indiana. The first of March, 1889, the family moved to a farm adjoining the village of Hemlock. In 1892 we moved again, this time to a small farm three-quarters of a mile northwest of Center. This was to be only a temporary residence until a better farm could be secured. In the Spring of 1893 we moved to the Simpson farm two and one-half miles east of Center and one-half mile north. This continued to be our home until 1905 when we moved to the farm one mile east of Greentown, which our father had previously bought. This was our home during our remaining years in Indiana and this farm, which we have kept through the years, is still looked upon as home.

Waldo started to the grade school in Center in 1892. Because the old school building was overcrowded and the new building was not completed until January, 1893, we in the lower grades used a store room for our school. Schooling was continued at District Number 5, located one-half mile south of our home, a one-room country school with pupils of all ages from five to twenty. He then attended the Center and Hemlock schools until he had taken all the high school work offered in the township. In 1903 he entered the Kokomo High School and graduated in 1906.

When a boy he seemed to have unusually good health. The family physician said that he was so sturdy that he could stand almost anything. The same physician, Dr. W. H. Hull of Center, said that I was so puny that I never could stand to go to school. He advised our parents to keep me out of school

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because there was nothing to me but a bundle of nerves. In both cases the doctor was wrong.

One summer while Waldo was still in the grade school he contracted a case of malarial fever from which it took him a long time to recover. Very likely he suffered from the after-effects of malaria in later years. At any rate as he grew older his health was not so good and during the last three years of his life he suffered much but he insisted in keeping up with his work.

In our country home life as children we had many advantages along with the hard work on the farm. We were far removed from any city life. Plenty of work and poor roads confined our acquaintances to a small group in a limited area. Our family was above the average in its outside interests. We had papers, magazines, and books far beyond the other families of our community. Our father often said that no child of his should ever want for a book. Both our parents were interested in education and gave us every advantage for schooling within the reach of our area.

While we lived through times that necessitated the practice of thrift and economy, especially during the depression period of 1893 to 1896, yet we always had an abundance of the essential things of life, plenty of warm clothing and the best of food. On our own farm we raised almost everything adapted to that climate. We had horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, guineas, and rabbits. We raised more vegetables and fruit—apples, pears, cherries, plums, peaches, grapes—than most of the other families, and what we lacked

on our own farm, in the way of additional varieties of fruit and vegetables, we could usually get from the farm of our Grandfather Smith. He always had the best-kept orchard and garden of the whole territory.

Every Spring we made maple syrup, one of the few families in the township who enjoyed this luxury, and from our own bees we put away a year's supply of honey every Summer.

After completion of High School, Waldo tended the home farm for a couple of years. In the Fall of 1908 he entered Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana. At the close of the Autumn Quarter in 1909 he came to Denver, Colorado, where the rest of the family had gone a few months before. He finished his college work at the University of Denver from which he graduated in 1912.

In the Summer of 1912 he worked on a farm for a cousin in Rice County, Kansas. During the school year of 1912-1913 he taught physics and coached football in the High School in Alton, Illinois. He spent one year as Principal and basketball coach of the Grayville, Illinois, High School. In both of these schools he developed the champion athletic teams in the district. He again spent some more time working on the cousin's farm in Kansas, and then went back to Denver where he did enough work in the University to get an A.M. degree in mathematics. For four years he taught mathematics in the High School in Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1920-1921 he was a member of the faculty of the Michigan Agricultural College in East Lansing. The next year he spent in further study in the University of Chicago, and from 1922 to 1924 he taught mathematics in Purdue University.

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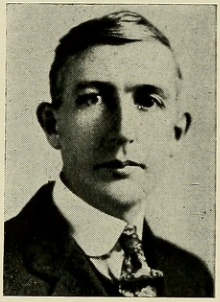
In 1924 he went to Kansas State College in Manhattan, Kansas, and continued there until the time of his death. His Summers were usually spent either in teaching in the Summer term at the College or in study at some university. During his period at the State College he had one year's leave of absence which he spent at the University of Michigan. He had taken all the necessary work and had passed the examinations for his Ph.D. degree. The problem which was the final requirement he had finished just a short time before his death. It was unfortunate that he did not live to receive the degree for which he had worked for years.

As a teacher he was popular with the students. He knew mathematics and did effective work in the class room. For many years he was a member of the Mathematical Association of America. A few months before his death he gave an address before the Missouri section of the Mathematical Association at a meeting held in Springfield, Missouri.

He and our mother lived together for many years until her death in November, 1938. In 1921 he had a case of diphtheria. For several years he seemed to have reasonably good health but the last four years his health gradually failed. He passed away October 21, 1939. He had made a trip during the Summer by automobile to Indianapolis, Indiana, Columbus, Ohio, and to the old home community near Kokomo, Indiana. At Kokomo he was confined to his room under the physician's care for a month. Then he drove back to Manhattan hoping to begin teaching at the opening of the Fall Semester. He was under the doctor's care for a couple of weeks when the doctor took him to the hospital. He was in the hospital more than a month. Just

THE CENTER SCHOOL



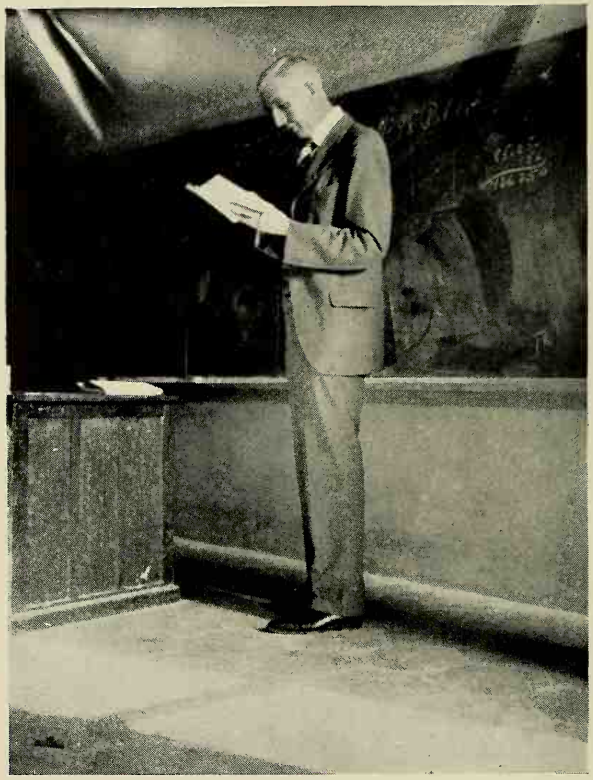
WALDO H. LYONS

While teaching in Erie, Pennsylvania

a few days before his death he wrote me a letter saying that he was much improved and expected to leave the hospital in a few days. Then he would take a trip to Texas for several weeks and come back to Manhattan to begin teaching at the beginning of the second semester. Shortly after sending this letter he took a sudden turn for the worse and sank rapidly. Two aunts, Mrs. Eva Richardson and Mrs. Della Burtnett; an uncle, A. J. Lyons; and a cousin, Leonard Burtnett; all of Forest City, Missouri, were with him at the time of his death. He died just before midnight, October 21. I was unable to get there until several hours after his death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 25, 1939, in the Ryan Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Reed of the United Presbyterian Church of Manhattan. Burial was in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver, Colorado, the next day.

In physical appearance Waldo was six feet one and one-half inches tall, of very spare build, weighing less than normal for a person of his height. In disposition he was extremely sensitive, conscientious, and retiring. As a boy and young man he was usually in all the pranks of the neighborhood and showed a marked sense of humor, but as he grew older he seemed inclined to become more serious and to withdraw from people.



WALDO H. LYONS

Class Room, State College, Manhattan, Kansas

Account of death as given in the Kokomo, Indiana, Tribune October, 26, 1939.

WORD COMES OF PASSING OF WALDO H. LYONS

Graduate of K. H. S., Greentown Mason, Was Professor at Kansas State.

Word has been received by the Tribune of the death of Waldo H. Lyons, a native of Howard County and graduate of Kokomo High School, who for the last fifteen years has been associate professor of mathematics in Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Death came Saturday night, October 21, and funeral services were held in Manhattan Wednesday, following which the body was taken to Denver, Colorado, for burial in Crown Hill Cemetery there.

Professor Lyons was born two and one-half miles east of Center in Taylor Township January 26, 1886, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lyons. The family lived for many years in Taylor and Liberty townships.

He attended school at District No. 5, Taylor Township, at Center and Hemlock before entering High School in Kokomo. Completing the course here, he attended Franklin College and the University of Denver, later doing a large amount of post-graduate work in the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan.

Upon graduation from the University of Denver he began teaching, holding positions in the following places: High School, Alton, Illinois; Principal of High School, Grayville, Illinois; High School, Erie, Pennsylvania; Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan; Purdue University; and Kansas State College. His special field of work was mathematics.

He is survived by one brother, the Rev. A. W. Lyons, Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Manhattan Morning Chronicle said of him: "Professor Lyons' soft-spoken manner and inexhaustible patience made him a favorite with students struggling to master algebra and trigonometry. His tall, spare figure was easily recognized by students who had been his charges. He seldom failed to recognize them in turn and give a friendly greeting."

Professor Lyons held membership in the Masonic Lodge at Greentown. He visited Kokomo and vicinity only last August, and is pleasantly remembered by all who knew him in his youth.

WALDO H. LYONS

THE SCHOOL

Hemlock, Indiana

AUSTIN WESLEY LYONS

AUSTIN W. LYONS

WAS BORN at our farm home two and one-half miles east of Center, Indiana, April 4, 1884. This was an average rural community composed of kindly, neighborly people. While our parents had had reverses in getting established, yet they had an interest in books, school, and church beyond the average of our township.

My years on this farm were pleasant, as I remember. I can remember distinctly many of the common place experiences such as riding the horses, riding one of the hogs, the old ice house, the old log granary, several experiences in the fields, seeing a rattlesnake, going to church, attending a funeral, and one big experience, the trip to Grant County to visit my mother's uncle, John Little, and his family. They lived about six miles east of Fairmount. The trip was made in a buggy. On this trip I especially remember having to ford a creek and the time Sam Hill, my mother's cousin's husband, took in playing with us. He was fond of children, and spent considerable time in entertaining us. I can remember seeing a parade in Kokomo during the political campaign of 1888. Waldo did not recall any of the experiences on this farm.

In the Spring of 1889 we moved to a farm just east of Hemlock, then called Terrehall. That Fall I started to school. In September, 1891, we made a trip to Missouri to visit our father's parents who were living in Holt County in the north-west part of the state. That trip was an eye-opener to us boys. We saw Chicago, Kansas City, and scores of other new places.

In March, 1892, we moved again, this time to a place three-quarters of a mile north-west of Center. The next Spring

we moved to the farm two and one-half miles east of Center and one-half mile north where we stayed for twelve years. Waldo and I attended the rural school one-half mile south from our home until I graduated from the eighth grade in 1899. The next three years we attended school in Center and Hemlock, two years in Center and one in Hemlock. In the Fall of 1902 I entered the Kokomo High School while Waldo continued another year in the Center School. I graduated from Kokomo in January, 1904.

In September, 1904, I began teaching in the country schools and continued for two years, the first year at the Brown School in Taylor Township and the second year at the Martin School in Liberty Township. In the Spring of 1905 we moved to the farm one-half mile east of Greentown which was our home as long as we were in the state. All through the years we have kept this farm.

From 1906 to 1909 I did a little more than three years study in Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana. During the Summer weeks I worked on the farm and one Summer I tried to sell books. In September, 1909, I entered the University of Denver and graduated the next June. For two years, 1910 to 1912, I was a teacher in the Denver Public Schools.

Our church membership was in the Bethany Baptist Church, a one room brick country church near Center. Yet while living in the Hemlock neighborhood we attended the Separate Baptist and the Friends Churches. In 1905 without my requesting it, Bethany Church granted me a license to preach. During the time in college at Franklin I was pastor of country churches, Sitka Church near Monticello, Indiana, Gullett's

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Creek Church near Bedford, and Ebenezer Church near Seymour. Then for almost three years, while a student in the University of Denver and while teaching, I was pastor of the Fruitdale Church just west of Denver.

In 1911 I married Beulah E. Rusmisel, a daughter of Reverend John H. Rusmisel of Dana, Indiana, whom I had first met in Franklin College. The marriage service was conducted in her home in charge of her father. He had been a soldier in the Civil War serving in Company A, First Regiment of Missouri Engineers. While teaching I took on the task of being a scoutmaster for a troop of Boy Scouts at the time when the Scout movement was just being introduced into this country. In addition to all my other work in Denver I had finished enough work at the University that I received the A.M. degree in 1912, the same year that Waldo graduated from the University.

In the Autumn of 1912 we moved to Chicago and I entered the Divinity School of the University. The first year I was supply preacher in a number of churches in and near Chicago, the most of that time being spent with the West Englewood Church. In the Summer of 1913 I began the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Niles, Michigan, with the understanding that I would spend eight months in Chicago in study except week ends and that we would live four months on the field. After we had spent four months on the field the first year the work of the church had progressed so well that the people urged that we live on the field all the time. We finally acceded to their wishes but they were appreciative enough to increase the salary five times in the next six years. I was ordained in 1914. I went into Chicago to the University for the Summer quarters in 1914, 1915, and 1916. The war came on and the children were born,

A. W. LYONS

Niles, Michigan, 1914

so I did not finish my Divinity School work for several years. In the Summer of 1926 I went back to Chicago for another term of study and finally received the B.D. degree in 1928.

In the Fall of 1919 we moved to Muskegon Heights, Michigan, where we stayed four years. I was sent there by the Michigan Baptist Convention because the State Secretary thought I could solve a difficult situation on that field. The children had whooping cough in 1922 and all except Mary recovered well. She developed pneumonia from which she did not completely recover. The next Summer the doctor advised that we take her away from the lake region before the coming of Winter.

So, in 1923 we moved to Stromsburg, Nebraska. In addition to the work of the church I taught in the High School for four years. In 1929 we moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where I was pastor of the First Baptist Church until 1936, and for five years of this time I was also pastor of the Riverview Mission Church. During the years in Fort Dodge I did considerable substitute teaching in the High School and Junior College. In 1936 we came to Salt Lake City, Utah, and I began work as Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in September.

When the United States entered the World War in 1917 I tried to put the Christian message as I understood it ahead of everything else. I served as an assistant to the draft board and spent many days in the Niles City Hall helping the people fill out their questionnaires. In 1918 I offered to serve as a chaplain but the Committee on Chaplains said that the time had not yet come for a man with as many children as we had to go, and that there were plenty of men available with smaller families. For several years I held a commission with the rank

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Stromsburg, Nebraska, 1926

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Stromsburg, Nebraska, 1928

of captain in the Chaplains Corps of the Officers Reserve of the Army. In 1937 because of increasing work in Salt Lake City I notified the War Department that I would not ask for further re-appointment. That was the extent of my army connection.

During the summers of 1940 and 1941 I took courses in the University of Utah in lieu of a vacation. Work in Salt Lake City has been unique in many ways. Baptists are only a minority group. The nearness of Fort Douglas, the Army Air Base, Kearns Field, Camp Williams, Wendover Field, and the Ninth Corps Area Headquarters opened the way for the church to do much work in keeping in touch with the soldiers.

Immanuel Church has been doing much in providing a radio ministry for this area. Another interesting phase of the church's work here has been the ministry to tourists during the summer time.

In addition to the work in the churches I have carried a number of other activities, some important positions and others of less consequence.

Clerk of St. Joseph River Baptist Association, Michigan, four years.

Moderator of St. Joseph River Baptist Association, two years.

Member, Board of Managers, Michigan Baptist Convention, three years.

Secretary, State Missions Committee, Michigan Convention, three years.

Member, Young People's Committee, Michigan Convention, one year.

Member, Social Service Committee, Michigan Convention, two years.

A. W. LYONS

Fort Dodge, Iowa, 1935

President, Niles Ministerial Association, Interdenominational, one year.

County Director, New World Movement Campaign.

President, Muskegon Baptist City Union, three years.

Secretary-Treasurer, Michigan Baptist Ministers' Conference, one year.

Secretary, Nebraska Baptist Ministers' Conference, one year.

On Faculty, Nebraska Baptist Summer Assembly, two years.

Business Manager, Nebraska Baptist Summer Assembly, two years.

Member, Nebraska Baptist Student Council, four years.

Secretary, Polk County, Nebraska, Interdenominational Ministers' Association, two years.

President, Stromsburg, Nebraska, Parent-Teachers Association, two years.

Member, Board of Managers, Nebraska Baptist Convention, two years.

Member, Administrative Committee, Nebraska Convention, one year.

Chairman, Department of Religious Education, Nebraska Baptist Convention, one year.

Baptist Representative on Nebraska Council of Christian Education, two years.

Transportation Manager, Nebraska Baptist Convention, 1927.

Director of Publicity, Nebraska Baptist Convention, four years.

Editor, Nebraska Baptist Assembly Paper, two years.

President, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Interdenominational Ministerial Association, one year.

Editor, Iowa Baptist Record, 1935-1936.

Preacher, Annual Sermon, Iowa Baptist Convention, 1935.

Teacher, Iowa Baptist Summer Assembly, four years.

Teacher in Des Moines, Iowa, Leadership Training School, 1932.

Member, Executive Committee, Iowa Baptist Convention, one year.

Member, Board of Managers, Iowa Baptist Convention, five years.

President, Salt Lake City Interdenominational Ministerial Association, one year.

Preacher, Annual Sermon, Utah Baptist Convention, 1937 and 1942.

Teacher, Utah Baptist Summer Assembly, two years.

Teacher, Salt Lake City Interdenominational Leadership Training School, two years.

Teacher, Salt Lake City Baptist Training School, one year.

Member, Mayor's Housing Committee, Salt Lake City, 1938-1939.

Vice-President, Salt Lake Council of Religious Groups, 1937-1943.

President, Salt Lake Council of Religious Groups, 1943- .

Member, Board of Managers, Utah Baptist Convention, 1940- .

Member, Board of Directors, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Salt Lake City, 1936- .

Member, U. S. O. Council, Salt Lake City, 1943- .

Member, Board of Finance and Promotion, Northern Baptist Convention, 1939-1940.

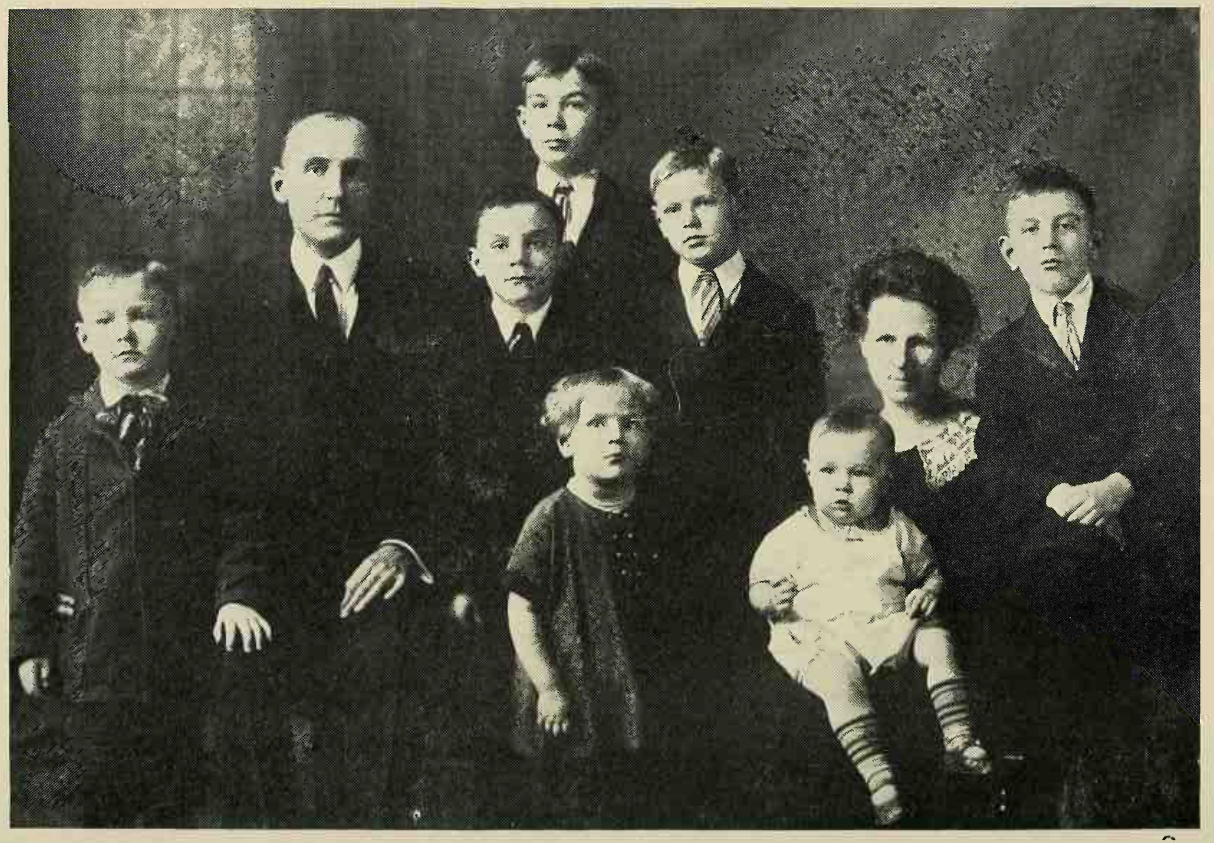
Member, General Council, Northern Baptist Convention, 1940- .

Member, Board of Trustees, Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, California, 1943- .

My writing has been limited. An occasional news story for Baptist papers, a large number of newspaper stories for the churches and conventions, one year as Editor of the Iowa Baptist Record, an article in Missions on the Salt Lake City situation, and a series of tracts on the Baptists in 1940 comprise about all my writing work.

The nature of the work done by both Waldo and myself has made it impossible to be close together except for brief intervals, yet we visited back and forth and always saw each other at least once a year and in many years two or three times. We were both together in the University of Chicago during the Summer Quarter of 1926. When moving time came I often tried to get to move closer to him, especially in later years, but it always proved impossible.

I have always felt that my first responsibility was the work of the church and while I have done many outside things I never let them interfere with my first obligation, the work of the church. I have delivered almost a nameless number of special addresses for all kinds of occasions, and have belonged to various lodges and clubs,—Kiwanis Club, Masonic Blue Lodge and York Rite Bodies, Odd Fellows, Maccabees, Low Twelve Club, Knights of Pythias, etc.,—yet my highest loyalty has been given to the church.



A. W. LYONS FAMILY — STROMSBURG, NEBRASKA — 1925
Left to right: Elbert, A. W. Lyons, Neil, William, Mary, Carl,
David, Mrs. A. W. Lyons, and Emory

CHILDREN OF

AUSTIN WESLEY LYONS AND BEULAH ELMINA LYONS

1. GRACE ELIZABETH LYONS.

Born in Denver, Colorado, March 22, 1912.
Died in Denver, Colorado, May 30, 1912.
Buried in Crown Hill Burial Park, Denver, Colorado; Masonic Section, Block 33, Lot 75, Section 3.

2. AUSTIN WESLEY LYONS, JR.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, June 21, 1913.
Died in Chicago, Illinois, September 29, 1913.
Buried in Crown Hill Burial Park, Denver, Colorado; Masonic Section, Block 33, Lot 75, Section 2.

3. WILLIAM NELSON LYONS.

Born in Niles, Michigan, November 2, 1914.
Married Beatrice Ruth Parker of Akron, Ohio, August 17, 1936, at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

4. EMORY JUDSON LYONS.

Born in Niles, Michigan, February 26, 1916.
Married Delores Cackler of Fort Dodge, Iowa, February 5, 1943, at Liberty, Missouri.

5. CARL HENRY LYONS.

Born in Niles, Michigan, February 18, 1917.

Married Frances Taylor of Salt Lake City, Utah, in Salt Lake City, December 31, 1940.

A son, Carl David Lyons, was born in Salt Lake City, June 25, 1942.

6. NEIL JAY LYONS.

Born in Niles, Michigan, March 11, 1918.

Married Enid Emery of McMinnville, Oregon, September 3, 1940, in Vancouver, Washington.

A daughter, Carolyn Lee Lyons, was born July 17, 1941.

7. ELBERT RAY LYONS.

Born in Niles, Michigan, June 10, 1919.

Married Eleanor Buck of Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1940.

A daughter, Pamela Irene Lyons, was born March 1, 1941.

8. MARY LOUISE LYONS.

Born in Muskegon Heights, Michigan, November 6, 1921.

9. DAVID ANDREW LYONS.

Born in Stromsburg, Nebraska, August 20, 1924.

Died in Stromsburg, Nebraska, September 28, 1927.

Buried in Crown Hill Burial Park, Denver, Colorado; Masonic Section, Block 33, Lot 75, Section 1.

AUSTIN W. LYONS FAMILY MONUMENT

Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver, Colorado

A. W. LYONS

1941

Our Parents

OUR HOME — 1893 to 1905
East of Center, Indiana

HIRAM WESLEY LYONS

HIRAM WESLEY LYONS

UR FATHER, Hiram Wesley Lyons, was born in Tipton County, Indiana, a short distance west of Sharpsville, June 20, 1851, the second son of Andrew Jackson and Eliza Jane Lyons. He was named after his two grandfathers, as I have heard him tell, Hiram Adams and Charles Wesley Lyons. The Civil War affected living conditions in that part of Indiana and feeling sometimes ran high. When the Confederate General John H. Morgan made his raid into Indiana, many of the men were called for military duty leaving the boys to take care of the crops. My father has told that during that summer he had to make a full hand in the harvest fields, not only of their own but in the fields of the neighbors also.

About 1865 the family moved to a farm near Oregon, Holt County, Missouri. Many Indiana families were moving westward following the war. They were not satisfied in Missouri, finding conditions very unsettled and the bad spirit following the war made it everything but pleasant for newcomers. After two years the family moved back to Indiana, settling in the same neighborhood they had left.

My father worked on farms in Tipton County and over the line in Howard County, near the town of Fairfield. Then he went to work for a man by the name of Kirkpatrick one mile west of Center. He had been saving his money so he could be able to buy a team and equipment to start up work on a farm for himself. He had confidence in Kirkpatrick and loaned to him all his savings. Kirkpatrick proved to be crooked and finally refused to pay not only the loan but also a part of the wages. My father soon learned that he owed other people

OUR FAMILY

Left to right:—Father, Waldo, Mother, Austin.

whom he would not pay. They also discovered that he had put all his property in his wife's name. When my father concluded that the chances of collecting were very poor, he went to the Kirkpatrick home and asked him to make some kind of settlement. When he refused my father, seeing one of the colts walking close, said to him, "If you refuse to pay I am going to take that colt." He led the colt away and the old man never even protested. In later years he often said, "Because of the high price I had to pay for that horse I am going to keep her as long as she lives." The old mare died in 1907. Kirkpatrick was sued but no one could collect a cent. Legally he did not have anything. My father carried a judgment against him as long as he lived. I remember well the time when old man Kirkpatrick, as he was called, was killed on a railroad crossing in Center and a new effort was made by his creditors to collect from the estate, if there should be one, but no one ever got anything.

Our father married Sarah Jane Smith, December 29, 1879, at Kokomo, Indiana. They went on a wedding trip to one of the north Indiana cities. For a time they lived in Center where my father worked for a short time on the Pennsylvania railroad section and hauled logs for the saw mill in Center. They then moved to a farm four and one-half miles north-west of Greentown. About twenty five years later I taught at the Martin school which was in the same community. My father was six feet one and one-half inches tall and in earlier life weighed over two hundred pounds. Ed Schaaf, who worked for him on this farm, said several years later in telling about his strength, "If I would see your father back up against the barn and say it had to move I would believe it would move."

In 1883 they moved to the farm two and one-half miles east of Center. Other places of residence are mentioned in preceding sketches. In 1887 or 1888 our father made a trip west and bought a farm near Dodge City, Kansas, to which he expected to move. For some reason the move was never made but he kept the farm for the next fifteen years. Life on these farms was made up of the ordinary experiences common to all farmers. Friendships were made some of which have been unusually valuable. For eighteen years we lived on land owned by some member of the Simpson family. Our two families all through the years had very close ties. My father held Denton Simpson, a farmer preacher, in very high esteem and most of the time the land on which we lived was in his possession. Denton Simpson kept Bethany Church alive as long as he lived. After we left his land he soon sold it. Another friendship which proved unusually helpful was that with David W. Latta and his wife. Another close friendship was with the Nelson Caldwell family.

In 1904 our father bought the farm one-half mile east of Greentown. In the Spring of 1905 we moved to this land and that was the family home during the rest of our stay in Indiana.

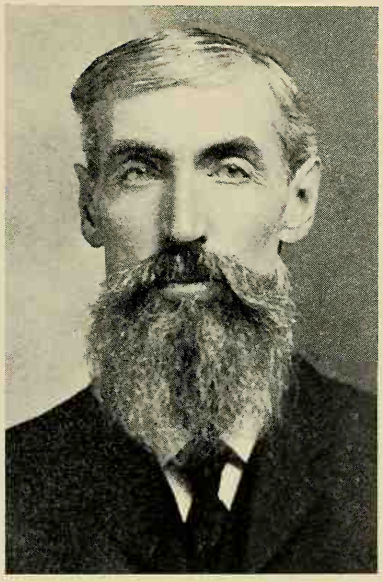
Soon after this my father's health began to fail. He gave up the heavier work and Waldo carried the work of the farm for some time. In 1909 he thought he might get some help by a change of climate. He wanted to try the mountain section and if that did not bring relief to go on to California. I came west ahead to see if I could get a place to live and Waldo looked after the public sale in disposing of the crops, live stock, and machinery. We moved into a house in South Denver, at

OUR FAMILY

Left to right:—Father, Austin, Waldo, Mother.

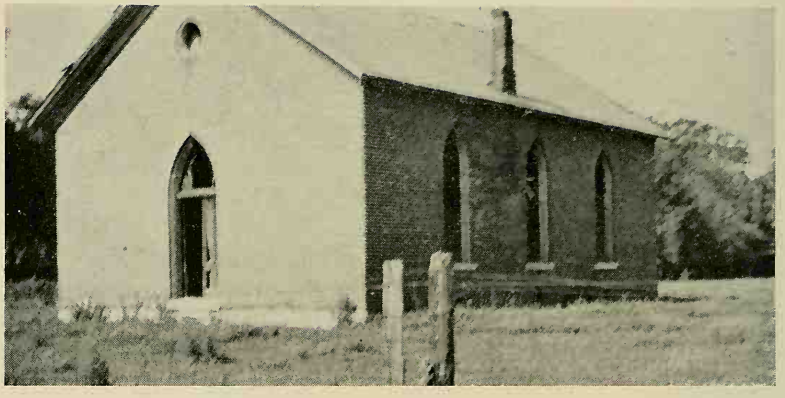
60 West Maple Street, which was our home for the next two years. The folks stopped to visit relatives in Missouri and Kansas and arrived in Denver the very last of October. Waldo stayed in Indiana to finish the Autumn Quarter at Franklin College and he came to Denver just before Christmas. Our father's health semed to improve by the trip for a time but he gradually declined until he passed away January 11, 1911. Funeral services were held January 13, 1911 at the home, conducted by Rev. Thomas Young, Pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church of Denver, and burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver.

For some years he was a member of the Grange until that order disbanded in the community. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Center, Indiana, and a member of Bethany Baptist Church near Center. In politics he was a Republican.



HIRAM WESLEY LYONS

1905



BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

When partly dismantled, long after the church had disbanded.

SARAH JANE LYONS

HIRAM WESLEY LYONS and SARAH JANE LYONS

Y MOTHER, the daughter of Thomas and Grace Smith, was born in Rush County, Indiana, November 20, 1856. She was named after her two grandmothers. The farm on which the family lived was close to Dunreith in the north part of the county. In the summer of 1936 she and Waldo made a trip back to her childhood home in Rush County and also saw the remaining relatives who lived over in Henry County.

On November 2, 1870 she moved with the family to Howard County, Indiana, and lived for a few years just east of Center. In this new community the family entered into a circle of friends whose relationship continued for many years. In this circle were the families of Reverend Denton Simpson, a farmer preacher in the Baptist Church, Reverend John Kob, a farmer preacher in the Christian Church (New Light), Abe Ingels, and Jim Mugg. My mother's family was Presbyterian but there was no Presbyterian Church for many miles and no other Presbyterians in this new community. The Simpson, Mugg, Ingels, Latta, and Moore families were Baptists. She finally became a member of the Bethany Baptist Church.

After a few years my Grandfather Smith bought the farm two and one-half miles west of Greentown which continued to be his home as long as he lived. They moved to this farm about 1877.

She married Hiram Wesley Lyons December 29, 1879. Through the years she did the work which belonged to farm life at that time, and not only the necessary work of the house but work in the garden, making butter, doing all kinds of sewing and an endless amount of patching. She was the barber for

the family. She believed that boys ought to learn to work in the house as well as to work on the farm. As a result Waldo and I could put out a washing, do a reasonable amount of cooking, and many other duties about the home. She was exacting in her work. She was so thorough in everything she did that she was oftentimes a slow worker. In doing the amount of necessary work she would often sew late into the night. She had the characteristics of a Scot and was proud of it.

After the death of our father in 1911 we continued to live in the same house in Denver until the Summer. After I was married in 1911 we lived for the next year in the down-stairs of a house at 504 East Ellsworth Street and my mother and Waldo lived in the upstair apartment. During the next year she lived with us in Chicago the most of the time. She was not satisfied and wanted to go back to the farm. For a year she lived alone on the farm. That year brought one of the worst winters in many years. Then for a few years she lived a part of the time with us in Niles, Michigan, and a part of the time with her mother and brother on their farm.

In 1921 Waldo was in Chicago doing some work at the University. She went to Chicago and kept house for him in a small apartment near the University. This was the beginning of an arrangement which continued as long as she lived. She went with him to Purdue University and to Manhattan, Kansas, and during his year's leave of absence from Kansas State College they lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

She insisted on working right up to the last. In the last few years she was failing, her hearing was a little dull, and

SARAH JANE LYONS

1905

she became considerably stooped, but she continued to prepare the meals and do the other work about the house. For several years they lived in an apartment at 816 Leavenworth Street, Manhattan, Kansas.

One night in October, 1938 she fell. She never seemed to know why she was up or how she fell. As soon as she became conscious she called Waldo, who was sleeping in another room. Her hip was broken. She was taken to the hospital and given the best of care, and for a few days she seemed to improve. Then, she took pneumonia and died Sunday, November 13, 1938. Funeral services were held in the Funeral Home in Manhattan, November 16, conducted by Rev. A. M. Reed of the United Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver, Colorado, the next day. The family lot is in Block 33 of the Masonic Section of the cemetery.

ACCOUNT OF DEATH AS GIVEN IN THE KOKOMO, INDIANA, TRIBUNE, NOVEMBER 16, 1938.

OLD RESIDENT OF COUNTY IS DEAD IN WEST

Widow of Hiram W. Lyons Expires Sunday at Manhattan, Kansas.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Sarah Jane Lyons, for many years a resident of Howard County, who passed away Sunday, November 13, at the Parkview Hospital at Manhattan, Kansas. She had been living in that city for several years in the home of her son, Professor Waldo H. Lyons.

Mrs. Lyons had been in declining health for several months and on November 3 suffered a fall in which her hip was broken. Death was due to complications following the accident.

Born in Rush County, Indiana, eighty-two years ago, Mrs. Lyons was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, moving with them to Howard County in 1870. The family home was located two and one-half miles west of Greentown.

She married Hiram Wesley Lyons and for many years they lived east of Center in Taylor Township, moving in 1905 to a farm one mile east of Greentown. They were active in the life of the neighborhoods in which they lived and were held in high esteem by all of their neighbors and acquaintances. Mr. Lyons died in 1911.

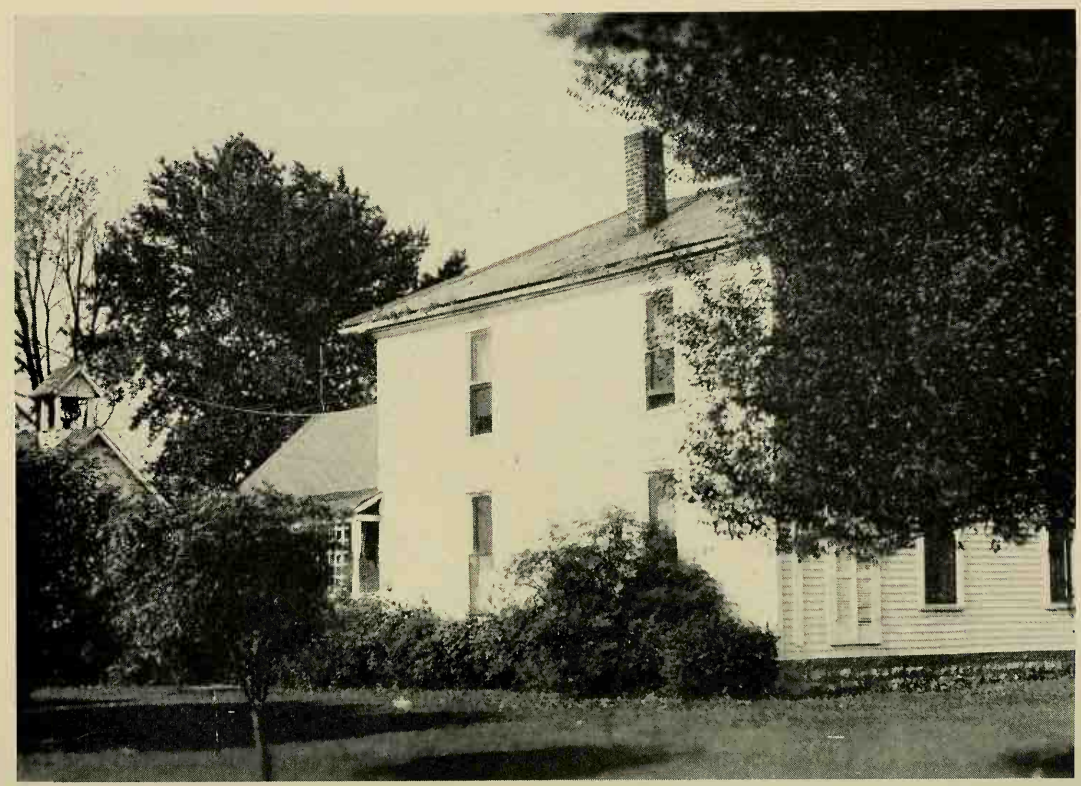
Since the death of her husband Mrs. Lyons has been away from Howard County most of the time, though coming back for frequent visits. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church near Center for a long period, being enrolled there at the time the church was dissolved a few years ago.

Her immediate survivors are two sons, Professor Lyons, a teacher of mathematics in the Kansas State College in Manhattan, Kansas, and the Rev. A. W. Lyons, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Salt Lake City, Utah. There are six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Southern Funeral Home in Manhattan, Wednesday afternoon. The body will then be taken to Denver, Colorado, for burial in the family lot in Crown Hill Cemetery, that city.

SARAH JANE LYONS

1938



OUR HOME — One Mile East of Greentown, Indiana

CHILDREN OF

HIRAM WESLEY LYONS

and

SARAH JANE LYONS

1. AUSTIN WESLEY LYONS.

See Page 27.

2. WALDO HIRAM LYONS.

See Page 11.

THE HIRAM WESLEY LYONS FAMILY MONUMENT

Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver, Colorado

SECTION II

Our Father's Relatives

Our Grand Parents

ANDREW JACKSON LYONS

ANDREW JACKSON LYONS and ELIZA JANE LYONS.

NDREW JACKSON LYONS, the father of Hiram Wesley Lyons, was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, July 7, 1826. He came with his family to Henry County, Indiana. Some time before 1850 he came to Tipton County, Indiana. At that time he was living west of Sharpsville, was married, and had one son.

As a young man he had driven a canal boat. He never told much about himself which was a trait characteristic of several members of the family. He married Eliza Jane Adams and settled on a farm west of Sharpsville. During the Civil War he was drafted for military service but on account of family obligations he paid for a substitute. At that time he had to care for not only his own family but his mother was with them and the children of his brother, John, who had recently died.

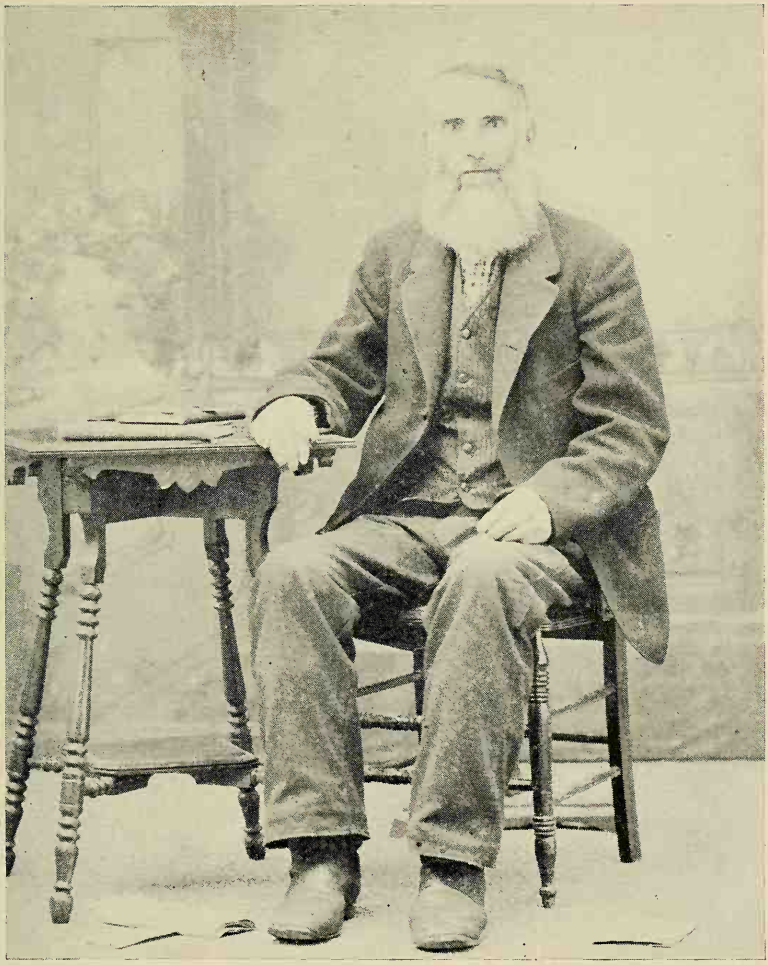
In 1865 he moved to Holt County, Missouri, settling on a farm east of Oregon. After two years they moved back to Indiana to the very same community they had left. When they returned to Indiana the oldest son, William Jasper, stayed in Missouri. This was not strange because a number of the relatives were moving westward at about the same time and he was among relatives. Different members of the Adams family moved to Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas.

In 1880 my grandfather again moved to Missouri, and again to Holt County, settling on a farm about three miles east of Oregon. This was his home as long as he lived. When they moved to Missouri this time my father had married and he stayed in Indiana.

I saw my grandfather just twice. In 1890 he came to see us when we lived near Hemlock. He brought Waldo and me some pressed figs, the first we had ever seen. The next year in September we made the trip to Missouri and saw him again. None of the family knew we were coming. We got off the train at Forest City in the middle of the night. We rode to Oregon in the hack which made connection with the trains, and from Oregon the driver took us out to the farm in a carriage.

As I remember him he was of average height, thin in build, and wore a white beard. He died February 15, 1892 and was buried in the Oregon City Cemetery. The family Bible gives the date of his death as February 15, while an obituary sketch written by Thomas E. Adams, his brother-in-law, gives the date as February 16.

In politics he was a Democrat in the earlier part of his life but in later years became dissatisfied because of the methods employed by the Democrats in the reconstruction period and he switched to the Republican party.



ANDREW JACKSON LYONS.

AN OBITUARY SKETCH

Written by Thomas E. Adams.

Andrew J. Lyons was born in Ohio July 7, A. D. 1826. When about ten years old he came with his parents to Henry County, Indiana. He lived there until he was about 23 years old, then he went to Tipton County, Indiana, where he married when about 24 years of age. And when about 32 years of age he made a profession, joined the church of God, and was baptized by immersion. In which faith he lived and died February 16, 1892. Age 65 years, 7 months, and 9 days.

(The expression "church of God" does not refer to a denomination by that name.)

ELIZA JANE LYONS

ELIZA JANE LYONS.

LIZA JANE LYONS, the mother of Hiram Wesley Lyons, was the daughter of Hiram Adams and Catharine Adams. She was born November 13, 1832 in Shelby County, Indiana. Before 1850 she and her family were living west of Sharpsville in Tipton County, Indiana. December 10, 1848 she married Andrew Jackson Lyons. The first time I saw her was when we made the visit to their home in September, 1891.

After the death of my grandfather she lived for some time on the farm. She visited us in Indiana in the winter of 1895-1896. She spent several weeks at our home and visited many of her old friends down in Tipton County. She and Aunt Eva Richardson made a visit to our home in 1906 when we were living east of Greentown.

During the later years of her life she made her home with the youngest son, Andrew Jackson Lyons, Jr., commonly known as Jay, who lived in Forest City, Missouri. When I went to Denver, Colorado, in 1909, I stopped in Forest City for a couple of days and saw her but she was in very poor health at that time. A little later in September my father and mother stopped on their way to Denver.

My grandmother died September 22, 1910 and was buried in the Oregon, Missouri, Cemetery.

AN OBITUARY SKETCH

After a lingering illness since last January, 1910, Mrs. Eliza J. Lyons died at her home in Forest City, Missouri, Thursday, September 22, 1910. She was born in Shelby County, Indiana, November 18, 1832; aged 77 years, 10 months, and 9 days.

She was married to Andrew J. Lyons December 10, 1848 and to this union were born thirteen children, nine of whom are living:—Sarah Beatty of Atchison, Kansas; Eva Richardson of Forest City; Della Burtnett of Nodaway; Dora Dugger of Austin, Colorado; Wesley Lyons of Denver, Colorado; John Lyons of Austin, Colorado; Daniel B. Lyons of Oklahoma; A. J. Lyons of Forest City. She also leaves a brother, Martin Adams, of Corvallis, Oregon, and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

Funeral services were conducted in the Christian Church in Forest City, Saturday morning by Rev. W. H. Hardman, after which the remains were taken to Oregon, Missouri, and laid to rest to await the resurrection.

(I do not know who wrote this account. In the list of children the original does not contain the name of Lillie Buntz of Rice County, Kansas. This was evidently an oversight. Her name should have been included as she was living at that time.)

(The date of birth in this sketch is probably not correct. In the family Bible the date of birth is given as November 13.)

CHILDREN OF

ANDREW JACKSON LYONS AND ELIZA JANE LYONS.

1. WILLIAM JASPER LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, February 23, 1850.
Married Elizabeth Billott.
Died April 16, 1893, near Little Rock, Arkansas.
See Page 88 for further information.

2. HIRAM WESLEY LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, June 20, 1851.
Married Sarah Jane Smith.
Died January 11, 1911, in Denver, Colorado.
See Page 49.

3. JOHN THOMAS LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, July 5, 1853.
Died in Kansas City, Missouri in 1921.
Picture on Page 116.

4. DANIEL BOONE LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, December 24, 1854.
Married Nettie Watson.
Died March 19, 1940, in Woodward, Oklahoma.
See Page 93.

5. SARAH CATHARINE LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, October 15, 1857.
Married David Beatty.
Died May 5, 1935.
See Page 98.

6. EMILY ELIZABETH LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, March 23, 1859.
Died April 10, 1862.

7. ANDREW JACKSON LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, December 7, 1860.
Married Cynthia Ann Shumate.
See Page 101.

8. MILLIE ANN LYONS.

Born in Tipton, County, Indiana, February 10, 1863.
Died September 23, 1865.

9. LILLIE JANE LYONS.

Born in Tipton, County, Indiana, February 10, 1863.
Married John Buntz.
Died July 7, 1917, in Rice County, Kansas.
See Page 104.

10. MARY ALICE LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, May 14, 1865.
Married Charles Foster.
Died June 10, 1902, in Holt County, Missouri.
She had one son named Waldo, who did not live long.
See Page 106 for picture.

11. DORA ELLEN LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, December 21, 1867.
Married Stephen A. Dugger.
Died February 5, 1917, near Delta, Colorado.
See Page 107.

12. EVA FLORENCE LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, November 24, 1869.
Married William E. Richardson.
See Page 110.

13. SINA DELL LYONS.

Born in Tipton County, Indiana, December 24, 1871.
Married Henry Burtnett.
See Page 113.

(The dates of births as given on pages 85, 86 and 87 are the dates as found in the family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Eva Richardson in Forest City, Missouri.)

WILLIAM JASPER LYONS

WILLIAM JASPER LYONS.

William Jasper Lyons, son of Andrew Jackson Lyons, page 85, married Elizabeth Billott. When his father's family moved back to Indiana, he had remained in Missouri. They moved to a farm near Little Rock, Arkansas and both of them died there about 1893.

They had the following children:

1. **Barbara Jane Lyons.** She was born July 21, 1877, and married Frederick Pearce April 29, 1893. She was living in Whitewater, California, in 1938. See page 92 for further information.
2. **John Wesley Lyons.** He was born December 21, 1879. His wife's name is Ava but I never knew her family name. They had no children. He was a cook in Los Angeles, California, hotels for many years. When I was in Los Angeles in June, 1939, attending the Northern Baptist Convention, I went out to his home. I met his wife and asked for him. She hesitated and finally said "He's not living". He had died December 23, 1938 and we had not heard of his death.
3. **Eva Melvina Lyons.** She was born January 15, 1882. She married a man by the name of Adair but later took back her maiden name. She has one daughter, Mary Mabel Lyons, born September 5, 1902, who married J. C. Fritz. In 1943 they were living in Gardena, California.
4. **Charles William Lyons.** He died a long while ago.
5. **Daniel Jackson Lyons.** His wife's name is Myrtle. They have the following children: Kenneth, born in April, 1913; Charles, born October 9, 1919; and Elizabeth May and Adaline Fay, born in 1932. In 1938 they were living in Rocklyn, California.

6. **Albert Martin Lyons.** He was born January 1, 1888, and married Elma Anna Turner. The Bible in possession of Mrs. Eva Richardson gives the date of his birth as December 31, 1889. They had six children, five of whom are: Burnice Eva Lyons, born February 10, 1914; Edwin Albert Lyons, born April 29, 1915; Francis Frazier Lyons, born April 1, 1918; Homer Cecil Lyons, born December 4, 1920; and Mary Carolyn Lyons, born July 20, 1923. He has long been in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad and in 1938 was living in Weed, California. In December 1932 he and his family visited in Missouri. We were living in Fort Dodge, Iowa, at that time. We drove down to Forest City, Missouri, and met them. Since that time his wife has died and he has married again.

7. **Maggie May Lyons.** She was born July 10, 1891. She married first Kenneth Adams. One son, William Kenneth, was 19 years of age in 1938. William Kenneth Adams later married Lorraine Killgallen of San Francisco, California, and in 1943 they were living in San Francisco. Maggie later married Grover C. Mullican. They have two children, Richard Lee and Allen. In 1943 they were living in Bakersfield, California.

In 1909 when I was coming to Denver, Colorado, I stopped off at Forest City, Missouri, and met Maggie then. Since the death of their parents she and her brother, Albert, had made their homes with their father's relatives in Forest City.

FAMILY OF BARBARA JANE PEARCE.

See Page 90.

1. **Emma Mae Pearce.** Born March 12, 1894, and married Walter J. Gehres. They have four children: Thelma Gehres, Roy Gehres, Helen Gehres, and Doris Gehres, born January 21, 1926.

2. **Simon S. Pearce** was born February 24, 1896. He has the following children: Bettie Jacqulin Pearce, born November 29, 1924; Shirley Mae Pearce, born August 15, 1927; Gloria Ann Pearce, born July 14, 1933; and Marlyn Louise Pearce.

3. **Keith Arthur Pearce** was born September 17, 1898, and has two children: Dorothy May Pearce, born May 26, 1923; and Leland Pearce, born July 6, 1926.

4. **Eva Ellen Pearce.** She was born July 24, 1901 and married John A. Richmond. They have two children: Eleanor Gene Richmond, born August 13, 1924; and Donald Francis Richmond, born August 4, 1927.

5. **Brunette Pearce.** She was born May 7, 1905, and married Albert Worton. They have two children: Phyllis Lee Worton and Barbara Ruth Worton.

6. **Ruth Pearce** was born May 25, 1909. She married Cyrus E. Stanley and has one child, Evaline Ruth Stanley, born June 24, 1933.

In the account of this family, as in the accounts of other families, I have put down just what information has come to me. Some of the records, in all probability, will not be complete.

DANIEL BOONE LYONS

Daniel Boone Lyons, son of Andrew Jackson Lyons, page 85, married Nettie Watson February 1, 1886, at Oregon, Missouri. They moved to Harper County, Kansas, and later moved into Oklahoma. As a young man in Indiana he was for a time a rural school teacher. In 1889 when the Indian Territory was opened to settlement he secured a farm near Mooreland.

They had the following children:

1. The oldest child died in infancy.

2. **Porter W. Lyons** was born May 13, 1887 in Harper County, Kansas. He married Agnes Hawkins of Woodward County, Oklahoma. He is now living near Seattle, Washington. His address is R. F. D. No. 1, Redmond, Washington. They have five children: Willis, Edith, Bessie, Melvin, and Ford.

3. **Pearl Lyons.** She was born May 12, 1889 in Harper County, Kansas, and married Elmer Myers. She is now living in Woodward, Oklahoma.

For further information see page 95.

4. **Amos J. Lyons** was born October 16, 1893 in Harper County, Kansas. He married Virgie Harvey of Woodward County Oklahoma.

For further information see page 96.

PEARL MYERS.

Pearl Myers, page 94, the daughter of Daniel Boone Lyons, was living in Woodward, Oklahoma in 1943. She was for a time a public school teacher.

Their family consisted of three children:

1. **Isaac Myers** who died at 8 years of age.

2. **Loyd Myers,** who was in Anchorage, Alaska in 1942.

3. **Arleen Myers** married Ralph Martin in 1938. They are living in Wichita, Kansas and have one child, Gary Eugene, born October 12, 1939.

   In 1941 we attended the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention in Wichita and had the privilege of visiting Mrs. Martin and her family, the only time I have ever seen them.

AMOS J. LYONS.

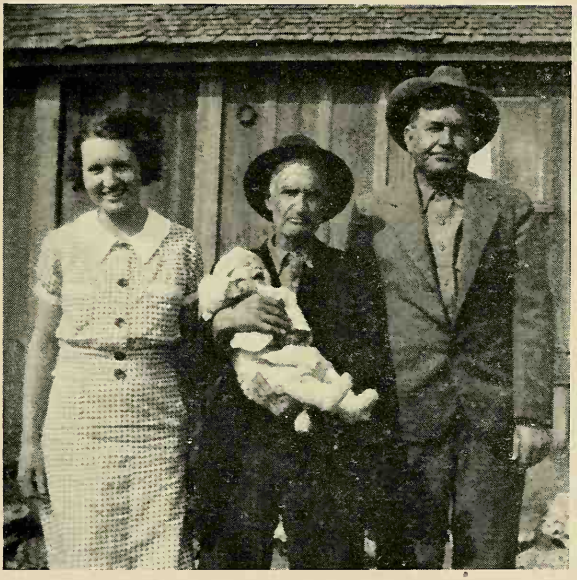
Amos J. Lyons, page 94, is the youngest son of Daniel Boone Lyons. For some time he lived near Freedom, Oklahoma but now lives at Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

He has ten children: Ina, Elvin, Letha, Adarin, Reva, Leland, Wayne, Audice, Evlyn, and Melva Lou.

Elvin and Wayne are now in California, and Adarin is in the State of Washington.

Ina married Walter Sharp and they have two children.

Letha married Noble Knapp. They live in Wichita, Kansas and have one child. In 1941 when we attended the Northern Baptist Convention in Wichita we met Mrs. Knapp for the first time. She and her cousin, Mrs. Arleen Martin, had us at their home for dinner.



DANIEL BOONE LYONS (Center)
MRS. INA SHARP and SON (Left)
AMOS J. LYONS (Right)

SARAH CATHARINE BEATTY

Sarah Catharine Lyons, daughter of Andrew Jackson Lyons, page 86, married David S. Beatty January 29, 1880. They lived for many years in Atchison, Kansas, where he was a street car motorman. I remember seeing her only once and then she came to Indiana to visit us some time about 1895. In the closing years of her life, after the death of her husband which occurred June 26, 1919, she lived near Kansas City, Kansas. She died May 5, 1935.

They had the following children:

1. **Eliza Emily Beatty** was born December 6, 1881 in Andrew County, Missouri. She married Albert Leslie Kirby November 21, 1900. There are two children: Lillian Florence Kirby, born October 10, 1901, and married Eddie Luscombe June 17, 1922 in Kansas City, Kansas; and Viola Lucile Kirby, born October 3, 1904 in Lima, Ohio, and married Oliver Dimick April 20, 1924 in Kansas City, Kansas. In 1932 they were living in Kansas City, Missoui.

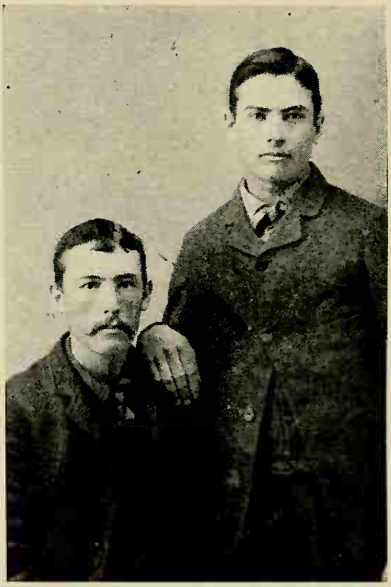
   Eliza Emily Beatty married a second time, marrying Charles Burton July 7, 1920.

2. **Lillie Myrtle Beatty** was born April 12, 1885 in Holt County, Missouri. She married Jess D. Grove November 25, 1903. In 1932 she was a widow living in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

3. **David Stewart Beatty.** Born May 8, 1887. Died December 1, 1896.

SARAH BEATTY (Left).
LILLIE BUNTZ (Right).

ANDREW JACKSON LYONS



ANDREW JACKSON LYONS
and
PORTER ADAMS (Right).

Andrew Jackson Lyons, son of Andrew Jackson Lyons, Page 86, was born in Tipton County, Indiana December 7, 1861. The family Bible gives the date as December 7, 1860. He is generally known by the name of "Jay" Lyons. He worked in Colorado for a time and then managed the home farm east of Oregon, Missouri, for a while. He then moved to Forest City where he conducted a hardware store for many years. He married Cynthia Ann Shumate in Forest City July 15, 1903. She died March 8, 1922. Several years later he married a second time. He was living and still running a hardware store in Forest City in 1942, when I was last there.

He has the following children:

1. **Gertrude May Lyons** was born in Forest City, Missouri June 30, 1904: She married Glen France June 5, 1929. They live in Forest City and have two children: Mary Virginia France, born June 7, 1930; and John France.

2. **Hazel Lucile Lyons** was born December 22, 1905. She taught school in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Saratoga, Wyoming, and in Billings, Montana. In 1942 she was still teaching in Billings. While she was in Saratoga, Wyoming, she visited us twice in Salt Lake City.

LILLIE JANE BUNTZ

Lillie Jane Lyons was a daughter of Andrew Jackson Lyons, page 86. She married John Buntz and they moved to Rice County, Kansas, living near Chase. They owned a lot of land and did extensive farming for many years. My brother, Waldo, spent parts of two summers with them working on their land. She died July 7, 1917. Then the land was sold and divided. John Buntz went to Inglewood, California.

They had two sons about whom I have known very little.

1. **George Delbert Buntz.** He married a girl in the neighborhood and they have several children.

2. **Lora Earl Buntz.** While we were living in Denver he spent several days with us in 1912.

I have lost track of the boys and do not know where they are living now.

Picture is on page 100.

MARY ALICE FOSTER.

DORA ELLEN DUGGER

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Dora Ellen Lyons was another daughter of Andrew Jackson Lyons, page 87. She married Stephen Alvin Dugger and they moved onto a ranch near Delta, Colorado. I never saw her but remember of her writing to us. Once she told of picking berries in the mountains and meeting a bear. She died February 5, 1917.

They had the following children:

1. **Jessie Vernona Dugger** married Charles Arthur White. They lived for many years near Delta, Colorado, but have recently moved to Oregon and now live at Coquelle. They had nine children: Ruby Ellen, Charles Herbert, Cecil Arthur, Jessie Pearle, Hazel Elleva, Wilma Ruth, George Arthur, Lillie Katherine, and James Arnold.

   Ruby Ellen White married first George Morse and had four children: George Junior, Lucille Ellen, William Arthur, and Verna Louise. She later married Miles Vernon Roady and had one son, Stanley Vernon.
2. **Earl Elfonzo Dugger** is not living. He had five children: Beatrice, Dora Mildred, Earl, William, and Ruth.
3. **Rocksie Maude Dugger** died several years ago.
4. **Clifford Stephen Dugger** married twice and had two children: Clifford Junior, and Betty Jane. The last I knew he was living in Texas.
5. **Eva Eliza Dugger.** She is a nurse. For some time she worked in the Cook County Hospital in Chicago. In the summer of 1926, Waldo and I both met her for the first time. We were in Chicago attending the summer quarter in the University. In 1939 she was supervisor of the hospitals of Colorado with headquarters in Denver. She was then living with her father just north of Denver. In October, 1939 when I took Waldo to Denver for burial I met her again. She brought her car and took me to the cemetery and every place else I needed to go. She has since taken a position in Alaska.

EVA FLORENCE RICHARDSON

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Eva Florence Lyons, the daughter of Andrew Jackson Lyons, page 87, married William Elmer Richardson February 10, 1891. He had lumber yards in Forest City, Fortescue, and Mound City, Missouri, and owned considerable real estate in Forest City and farm land near by. He died September 7, 1935. As I remember, Aunt Eva visited us twice while we lived in Indiana and once in Denver in 1911. She has visited us twice since we have been living in Salt Lake City. We knew her probably better than any other of my father's people, and she kept in touch with the families of her brothers and sisters more than any one else. Much of the information about the family of my grandparents which I have used in this book has been secured from her.

They have two children:

1. **Cecil Lavern Richardson** was born May 17, 1893 in Forest City, Missouri. He married Izeyl Malinda Swope April 26, 1916. They had two children: Albert Elmer Richardson, born September 4, 1918; and Elizabeth Lavern Richardson, born March 25, 1921, and died December 31, 1928. He later married Ethel Perry and is still living in Forest City where he has charge of the lumber yard. I went through Forest City in 1942 and was present at his birthday surprise party in his home.
2. **Herbert Alfred Richardson** was born February 28, 1900. He married Bernice Christen June 30, 1927. They now live in Mound City, Missouri, where he is manager of the lumber yard. They have one daughter, Lois Maxine Richardson, born October 27, 1931. They visited in our home in Stromsburg, Nebraska, shortly after their marriage. I saw them again in 1942. When I left Forest City they took me to St. Joseph to get the train to Des Moines, Iowa.

SINA DELL BURTNETT

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Sina Dell Lyons is the youngest daughter of Andrew Jackson Lyons, page 87. She married William Henry Burtnett October 10, 1895, and they have lived for a long time on a farm near Forest City, Missouri. I have met her a number of times when we have gone to Forest City and she came to Manhattan, Kansas, at the time of Waldo's death.

They have six children whom I know of:

1. **Lulu Marie Burtnett** was born July 30, 1896. She married Lloyd Robert Whipple November 17, 1915. In 1932 they were living near Forest City, Missouri, where I met them, and since they have moved a little farther away. I know of the following children: Florence Pauline Whipple, born July 19, 1916; Lulu Katharine, born March 30, 1918; Susie Marie, born March 29, 1920; Violet Lorene, born August 23, 1921; Sina Ann, born March 11, 1928, and died March 19, 1928; Lois Jane, born February 11, 1929; and Robert Henry, born July 16, 1931.
2. **David Lester Burtnett** was born April 5, 1898. He lives in Kansas City, Missouri, has been married twice and has six children.
3. **William Leonard Burtnett** was born July 23, 1901. He married Addie Wood July 1, 1942. They have a son, Roy Frank, born March 30, 1943.
4. **Evalyn Burtnett** was born November 6, 1905. She married William Grimes and the last I knew they were living near Oregon, Missouri. They had three children: Wilma Glendoris Grimes; Mary Dell; and Denzyl Wayne.
5. **Henry Jackson Burtnett** was born July 24, 1911.
6. **Morris Franklin Burtnett** was born July 10, 1913.

JOHN THOMAS LYONS.

Our Great Grand Parents

CHARLES WESLEY LYONS

CHARLES WESLEY LYONS, the father of my grandfather, Andrew Jackson Lyons, was born in North Carolina according to the Census record of 1850. He enlisted for service in the War of 1812 in Washington County, Kentucky. Two of the older people in the Swayzee, Indiana, community, a Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Sarah Jane Wright, both remembered him and said that he had been a soldier in the War of 1812. It has been family tradition, as told by my father, that he was in the Battle of New Orleans.

On another page his military record is given. In his second term of service he went as the hired substitute for Reuben Crowder who had been drafted. In his applications for bounty land which was available to soldiers who had been engaged in the Military Service of the United States, dated November 7, 1850 and April 17, 1855, he listed both of these terms of service. From his first application he received eighty acres of land but I do not know whether or not he received additional land from the second application.

It seems that he lived in Henry County, Indiana, and some time before 1850 moved to Grant County, Indiana. I have heard my father tell about visiting his grandfather in Grant County when he was a small boy. They went in a wagon over corduroy roads. He said his grandfather was not able to walk at that time and had to sit in a chair. He would play with the children and try to catch them as they ran by his chair. Old neighbors near Swayzee say that he was an invalid during the closing years of his life.

The grave marker in the cemetery two miles south of Swayzee and one and a quarter miles east gives the following

information: "Charles W. Lyons. Died April 14, 1856. Age 64 years."

It seems that when my grandfather left Henry County to move to Tipton County, Indiana, that the rest of the family went to Grant County. Mrs. Sarah Jane Wright of Swayzee, who remembered the family well said that there was another son, Andy, but that he never lived in Grant County. I never learned why or how the family divided. My grandfather's family after a few years moved to Missouri and after that never knew anything about the rest of the family in Grant County.

WAR DEPARTMENT

The Adjutant General's Office

Washington.

Statement of the Military Service of

CHARLES W. LYONS,

Private, Smith's Company, 9th Kentucky Mounted Volunteers.

The records show that Charles W. Lyons served as a private in Captain Presley C. Smith's Company, 9th Kentucky Mounted Volunteers, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel James Simrall. He served from August 24 to November 8, 1813.

The records also show that one Charles W. Lyons served as a private in Captain William Phillips' Company, 15th Regiment Kentucky Militia, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Gabriel Slaughter. His service began November 10, 1814 and ended May 10, 1815.

Official statement furnished to Rev. A. W. Lyons, Fort Dodge, Iowa, January 24, 1931.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

C. H. BRIDGES,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

RACHAEL LYONS

ACHEL LYONS, the mother of Andrew Jackson Lyons, was born in North Carolina according to the census record of 1850. We have been unable to find anything more about her background.

It seems that after the death of her husband in 1856, she lived with her daughter, Mrs. William Miller. In the census record of 1860 she is listed with the Miller family.

Some time after 1860 she came to live with my grandfather in Tipton County, Indiana. He built her a house near their home where she lived the rest of her life.

About this time John Lyons, another son, died and left his children without support. She had at least two of his children with her until her death. My father's sister, Sarah Beatty, told that she remembered these two children as Riley Lyons and Eliza Lyons, and that after the death of Rachel Lyons, these two children were taken into their home for some time. She also said that Rachel Lyons was buried in the Richardson Cemetery just west of Sharpsville. My father's brother, Daniel B. Lyons, told in 1932 the same things about Rachel Lyons and his cousins.

Very likely there was no marker put up at her grave. At any rate there is no marker with her name at the present time in this old abandoned cemetery.

CHILDREN OF

CHARLES WESLEY LYONS AND RACHEL LYONS.

1. JOHN LYONS.

See page 126 for further information.

2. SARAH LYONS.

Married William Miller.

See page 129 for further information.

3. ANDREW JACKSON LYONS.

See page 75 for further information.

4. WILLIAM B. LYONS.

Turn to page 131 for further information.

JOHN LYONS

John Lyons was the son of Charles Wesley and Rachel Lyons, page 125. He was married twice. Andrew J. Lyons and Eliza Catharine Lyons are the children of his second wife. The census record of 1860 gives his age as 39; his occupation, chair maker; and birthplace, Ohio.

He died in 1861 and was buried in the Galbreath Cemetery, west of Coles, Grant County, Indiana. His son, Andrew J. Lyons, never married and the last heard from was living in Marion, Indiana. The daughter, Eliza Catharine, married Jackson Nance November 27, 1890. After his death in 1914, Mrs. Nance lived alone in Herbst, Indiana, and was still living there in 1927.

After the death of John Lyons, some of his children lived with my Great Grandmother, Rachel Lyons. The last few years of her life she and these children lived with my Grandfather in Tipton County, Indiana. Some time after the death of my Great Grandmother the children went back to Grant County, Indiana. None of us ever knew what became of Louisa Jane Lyons and Daniel Riley Lyons. The Clerk's record shows that a Louisa Lyons married David B. Clark July 31, 1873. I presume that she was the daughter of John Lyons, but I have no more definite proof that she was.

Among my Grandfather's things was an old Bible, one page of which gives the names of his brother John's children. The Bible is now in the possession of my Aunt, Mrs. Dell Burtnett of Forest City, Missouri. That record is as follows:

LOUISA JANE LYONS.

Born June 17, 1844.

RACHEL ELIZABETH LYONS.

Born September 22, 1846.
Died November 29, 1848.

SARAH ANN LYONS.

Born September 10, 1849.
Died September 6, 1850.

DANIEL RILEY LYONS.

Born May 23, 1852.

ANDREW J. LYONS.

Born November 20, 1857.

ELIZA CATHARINE LYONS.

Born March 15, 1860.

In 1926 I wrote to Eliza Catharine Nance and asked about these names. She said that these were her brothers and sisters. At that time she knew nothing about the families of any of them.

SARAH MILLER

Sarah Miller was the daughter of Charles Wesley and Rachel Lyons, page 125. The Census record of 1850 shows that she was living in Greene Township, Grant County, Indiana. It states that she was born in Ohio and that she was 28 years of age at that time.

She was the second wife of William Miller and a short time before 1850 they had moved from Henry County, Indiana, to Grant County. We know very little about her except that she was buried in the Galbreath Cemetery many years ago. She probably had five children, Vinton, Genette, John, Margaret and Sheridan, but I have no information about any of them except Vinton.

Vinton Miller was born in Henry County, Indiana, April 5, 1846. He was a soldier in the Civil War serving with the 34th Regiment, Indiana Infantry. On October 3, 1871 he married Mary M. Wilson. He had evidently been married before. He had two children, Thomas L. Miller and Mrs. Mae Smith (Mrs. William). In 1927 Thomas L. Miller had two children, Mary Ann Miller and Carolyn Miller; and Mrs. Mae Smith was living in Herbst, Indiana, and had one son, Bernard. Vinton Miller died February 15, 1915 near Swayzee, Indiana.

WILLIAM B. LYONS

William B. Lyons was the son of Charles Wesley and Rachel Lyons, page 125. The census record of 1850 reports that he was born in Ohio, was twenty years of age, and that his occupation was boatman. The marker in the cemetery, two miles south and one and one-quarter miles east of Swayzee gives the following: "William B. Lyons. Son of Charles W. and Rachel. Died January 9, 1858. Age 24 years, 11 months, 19 days." The Grant County court records show that he died January 9, 1855. His wife was Mary E. Lyons (In another place the court record gives the name as May E. Lyons). The court records were made many years after his death and this could account for the discrepancy in dates.

William B. Lyons had one son, Charles Wesley Lyons. He was born in Henry County, Indiana July 3, 1851. The family moved to Grant County when he was fourteen months old. He died May 21, 1907. It seems that he had been married twice, the first wife being Louisa Jay and the second wife being Sarada Mauller, whom he married July 16, 1900. He had one child who died when small.

HIRAM ADAMS

Y INFORMATION about Hiram Adams has come from a brother of my Grandmother Lyons, Thomas E. Adams, from the census record of 1850, and from the inscription on the tombstone. He was the father of Eliza Jane Lyons.

He was born in Kentucky in 1802. He lived in Shelby County, Indiana, and some time before 1850 came to a farm just west of Sharpsville in Tipton County, Indiana. He died September 13, 1855 and was buried in the Baptist Cemetery, sometimes called the Randolph Cemetery, about a mile west of Fairfield. In 1943 I had the grave marker straightened and set in concrete.

He had one brother, John Adams, and another whose given name I do not know. My Aunt, Mrs. Eva Richardson, thinks the other brother married Rhoda Stilts and that they had no children. The census record of 1850 gives the name of the wife of John Adams as Rhoda and shows that they had four children, James, Jane, Martha, and Mary Ann. Both of these brothers could have married wives named Rhoda.

John Adams, a brother of Hiram Adams, had two daughters that we knew about; Jane who probably never married, and Polly Ann who married Ashley Ayres. My father knew the Ayres family well and when a small boy I remember going to Windfall, Indiana, to see one of the daughters. I have seen three daughters of Polly Ann and Ashley Ayres but they had another daughter and a son whom I did not know. Their children were: Katherine who married John Wolf and lived in Union City, Indiana; Lou who first married a man named

Platt and lived in Windfall and she later married Elmer Carter of Elwood, Indiana; Ellis Ayres lived in Indianapolis; Etta married first a man named Smith and lived in Windfall, and later married Nathan Davis and lived in Marion, Indiana; and Thenia Ayres who never married. Thenia lived in Windfall for many years and used to come to our home frequently. She died in Kokomo, Indiana, in 1940 at the home of a niece, Mrs. Marshall Andrews. As I remember, the Platt family at that time consisted of a number of boys of whom we have known nothing since 1895.

CHILDREN OF HIRAM ADAMS AND CATHARINE ADAMS.
Left to right: Emily Shirley, William Riley Adams, Thomas Adams, Martin Adams, Eliza Jane Lyons, and John Adams.

CATHARINE ADAMS

CATHARINE ADAMS.

ATHARINE ADAMS, the mother of Eliza Jane Lyons, was born in Kentucky. The date of her birth is not certain. According to the census record she would have been born in 1801. My Aunt, Mrs. Eva Richardson, has the date of her birth as 1803, while her son, Thomas E. Adams, gave the date of her birth as July 22, 1805.

She married Hiram Adams and lived in Shelby County, Indiana, and they came to Tipton County before 1850. Some time after 1860 she moved with a part of her family to Missouri. She died May 12, 1871 and was buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery, three miles from Savannah in Andrew County.

Before marriage her name was Stilts, according to my Aunt, Mrs. Eva Richardson, but there may be some question about it. In her family were at least the three sisters:

1. Catharine Stilts married Hiram Adams.

2. Betty Stilts who married a man by the name of Seidner. They had no children but they raised Rachel Moore who later married William Riley Adams.

3. Rhoda Stilts married a brother of Hiram Adams, an account of whom is given on page 134.

CHILDREN OF

HIRAM ADAMS and CATHARINE ADAMS.

1. LUALLEN ADAMS.

See page 141.

2. EMILY ADAMS.

She married Isaac Shirley. She died in 1910 at Forest City, Missouri. I saw her three times. She visited us once at our home in Indiana. She belonged to the Seventh Day Adventist Church and when she visited us we tried to serve food that would not be offensive to her. Lard was not used and we boys wondered about it. We could not understand what lard had to do with religion.

3. JOHN ADAMS.

He died in 1909 at Willard, Kansas.

4. THOMAS ADAMS.

See page 143 for further information.

5. WILLIAM RILEY ADAMS.

See page 145.

6. ELIZA JANE ADAMS.

Married Andrew Jackson Lyons. For sketch see page 81.

7. MARTIN L. ADAMS.

He was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in Company C, 26th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. He had five children but I know nothing about any of them. He lived in Corvallis, Oregon, and died there.

LUALLEN ADAMS

Luallen Adams was a son of Hiram Adams and a brother of my Grandmother. The spelling of the given name seems strange yet that is the way it is recorded in the census records and this is also the way the name was spelled by his son, Thomas A. Adams, of Sioux City, Iowa.

He married Emaline Heron and lived in Prairie Township, Tipton County, Indiana. In 1865 they moved to a farm near Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He died at the age of sixty-eight.

They had twelve children but I know of only a part of them. I do not know what became of Polly, Elizabeth, James, and Jane C. Adams, who were listed as his children in 1860. Mary Langhan and Margaret Murphy were two daughters but I never knew where they lived. Frank Adams lived at one time in Dallas, Texas, and William W. Adams lived in Haddan, Kansas. Another daughter, Emma Miracle, lived in Raymonville, Texas.

In 1933 I was in Sioux City, Iowa and met one of the sons of Luallen Adams, Thomas A. Adams. At that time he was seventy-three years of age. He had raised eight children, two of whom were Mrs. Alfred Yagge and Mrs. W. M. Smith, both living in Sioux City.

THOMAS ADAMS

Thomas Adams was another son of Hiram Adams, page 140. For some time he lived in Tipton County, Indiana, and later moved to Kansas. My Aunt, Mrs. Eva Richardson, says that he married Elizabeth Bennett and that he died in Ozawkie, Kansas. I know of five children: Mrs. Jennie Baker of Ozawkie, Kansas, Thomas Adams of Danville, Indiana, Mrs. Eliza Lowe of Ozawkie, Kansas, Mrs. Lottie McAllister who lives in California, and Joseph Adams. Joseph Adams died in Fresno, California, August 15, 1943.

He was a farmer preacher and belonged to a religious group then known as "Soul Sleepers". I remember him when he visited us in 1894 or 1895. He was a tall, slender man and seemed very kindly. During his visit my Father arranged for him to preach in his old home community in Tipton County.

WILLIAM RILEY ADAMS

William Riley Adams was a son of Hiram Adams, page 140. He was born in Shelby County, Indiana, May 13, 1830. October 7, 1852 he married Rachel Moore who is mentioned on page 139. They lived in Tipton County, Indiana, and then moved to Missouri and lived in St. Joseph for more than forty years. He was a minister of the Christian Church. He died in South Bellingham, Washington, in 1908 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Henry. They had eight children. The places of residence given below are the places where they lived at the time of his death.

1. **Jacob R. Adams** of Perry, California. (His middle name was probably Israel instead of R.) He has the following children: Carl Burton, Jacob Raymon, Leona, Victoria, Gertrude, and Luther.
2. **O. Porter Adams** of Goldfield, Nevada. See picture on page 102.
3. **John Q. Adams** of Kansas City, Missouri. Married Minnie James.
4. **William F. Adams** of Burnham, Missouri.
5. **Victoria Belle Adams,** who married Daniel Hahn. She later married a second time and in 1942 was living in Forest City, Missouri.
6. **Carrie Adams** of Oregon, Missouri, who married Richard Hahn.
7. **Stella Adams,** who married C. W. Burge. In 1908 they lived in Battle Mountain, Nevada. They have the following children: Willett, Cary, Thelma, Porter, and Gene.
8. **Emma Adams,** who married Charles L. Henry. In 1908 they were living in South Bellingham, Washington.

Our Great Great Grand Parents

F OUR Father's people I have been unable to find any certain information beyond the Great Grandparents. I have not had the time to follow up some strong surmises which persist with me. I am doubtful, even if the information could be obtained, if it would be worth the time and work required. What is given in this book has been rather easily collected.

While we were living in Fort Dodge, Iowa, a group of friends, who were interested in the Sons of the American Revolution, thought that I ought to belong. So, they worked out a genealogy which the Society accepted, showing that the father of Charles Wesley Lyons was one William Lyon of Kentucky. Afterwards when I began to look into the records a little for myself, I found that there is not the slightest evidence for this conclusion, and I withdrew from the Society.

In Kentucky in the years from the Revolution to the War of 1812 there were a number of "Lyons" families and also a number of "Adams" families but I have not had the time to secure the proof as to which ones were our Great Great Grandparents. However, there is family tradition that the "Adams" forefather was a soldier in the Revolution.

SECTION III

Our Mother's Relatives

Our Grand Parents

THOMAS SMITH

HOMAS SMITH, the father of Sarah Jane Lyons, was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, February 2, 1833. His mother died when he was a very small child. The family was divided and my grandfather was raised by a woman who was near to the family. In 1852 he came to America. His father, David Smith, and brothers, John Smith and Robert Smith, came to this country about the same time but I have never learned whether they came together or not.

I have heard my grandfather tell that on the way over his money was stolen and when he landed in New York he did not have enough to buy his ticket on to Indiana. He went over into New Jersey and worked for a farmer digging potatoes, and later went on to Lewisville, Henry County, Indiana. When he arrived in this country the political campaign for the election of a president was on. His naturalization paper states that he landed in New York September 16, 1854. I think there must be a mistake in that date because I have heard him tell that he came to America the Fall in which Franklin Pierce was elected president. He took interest in that campaign as he did in most of the succeeding elections. He was always a staunch Democrat. He was a constant reader of the newspapers and had some pronounced convictions about the political issues. In the times of William Jennings Bryan he was quite sure that the gold standard was the cause of much of the social injustice in the Old Country.

He worked on farms near Lewisville for three or four years. He married Grace Little January 15, 1856, and they moved onto a farm in the north part of Rush County. At that time the nearest town was Dunreith but since then another little town, May's Station, has been started which is closer to the farm on which

THOMAS SMITH

and

GRACE SMITH

they lived. They lived one mile north and one mile east of May's Station. Not far from the farm was a Presbyterian Church which they attended. The church and nearby cemetery were called Shiloh.

In 1870 they moved to Howard County, Indiana, living first one mile east of Center. Later they moved to another home one-half mile east and one-half mile north of Center. About 1877 they bought a farm two and one-half miles west and one-half mile south of Greentown and moved onto it. This was his home as long as he lived. He had a well kept farm with an abundance of fruit.

He died January 25, 1903 at the farm home. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Kob and burial was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery just west of Greentown.

He was exacting and particular about all his work. After we moved to Salt Lake City in 1936 I met a man named Homer T. Stewart. He asked where I had come from and when I told him that I had lived on a farm south-east of Kokomo, Indiana, he replied, "So did I". Then I named for him all our old neighbors on both sides of the road for two miles. After I had named the last one he said, "And just north of him lived old Tom Smith, the most particular farmer I ever knew". "You are right", I told him, "He was my grandfather". Mr. Stewart said every stick had its place on his farm. We had known the Stewart family but I had not seen any of them for forty years until we happened to meet this man in Salt Lake City.

THOMAS SMITH

About 1900.

HOME OF THOMAS AND GRACE SMITH. ABOUT 1888.

GRACE SMITH

RACE SMITH, the mother of Sarah Jane Lyons, was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, October 1, 1833. Social changes were taking place in the British Isles which caused large emigrations to other lands. My Grandmother's family had had a ninety-nine year lease on land in Dumfriesshire which expired when she was a young woman. The lease could not be renewed so she and her brother, John Little, came to the United States. She came to this country in 1854, making the trip with her sister-in-law, the wife of John Little. He had come earlier and had sent for his wife. The trip was made in a sailing vessel and required about five weeks.

They came through Cincinnati, Ohio, and I have heard her tell about a strange man committing suicide in the coach in which they were riding just before they reached Cincinnati. They arrived at Lewisville, Indiana, sooner than they were expected by the relatives. She once told how the relatives surprised Thomas Smith when he came into town to spend the week end. They had known each other in Dumfriesshire and it had been previously planned that he would come ahead and she would come later. When she arrived sooner than he expected, the relatives had her stay in one room and they called him in without telling him that she had arrived. They were married January 15, 1856, several months after her arrival.

She did all kinds of work around the house, garden, and farm yard. Once in a while some of the neighbors would make some remark about her following her Old Country ways in this country. But she had flowers which surpassed any other

yard or garden in the neighborhood. She never got away from her Old Country dialect.

After my Grandfather's death, Uncle David Smith moved onto the farm and they two lived there for the next sixteen years. A part of the time my mother stayed with them and during the last few years of my Grandmother's life her brother, John Little, lived with them the most of the time.

She died at the farm home October 1, 1919. Funeral services were held in the United Brethren Church in Greentown and burial was in the family lot in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery just west of Greentown.

GRACE SMITH. About 1900.

AN OBITUARY SKETCH.

(Printed in the paper but I do not know who wrote it.)

Grace, daughter of Andrew and Jane Little, was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland October 1, 1833. At the age of 21 years she came to America and was married to Thomas Smith January 15, 1856. They began housekeeping in Rush County, where they resided until 1870, when they moved to Howard County, living near Center seven years, and in her last home 41 years.

Her companion to whom she was devoted died January 25, 1903, and it is said she never was the same person afterward. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Rush County, but on account of advanced age had not attended church services for some time, but was greatly pleased when Rev. Mr. Keesey with others visited her and held a prayer service.

She loved flowers and was noted for her cheerful, kind disposition. She felt the lonliness of age and her heart seemed to commune with the scenes of the past and the companions of other years who have long passed away. Her last years were cheered by the presence of her brother to whom she was greatly attached and was never satisfied unless he was near her. But the silken cord wore away at last and the old clock that had ticked for so long went slower and slower and finally stopped at 9 a. m., October 1, 1919, her 86th birthday.

She leaves a son, daughter, three grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one brother here and two sisters in Scotland, many other relatives and friends.

CHILDREN OF

THOMAS SMITH AND GRACE SMITH.

1. SARAH JANE SMITH.

Born in Rush County, Indiana, November 20, 1856.

Married Hiram Wesley Lyons.

Died November 13, 1938 in Manhattan, Kansas.

See page 59.

2. DAVID ANDREW SMITH.

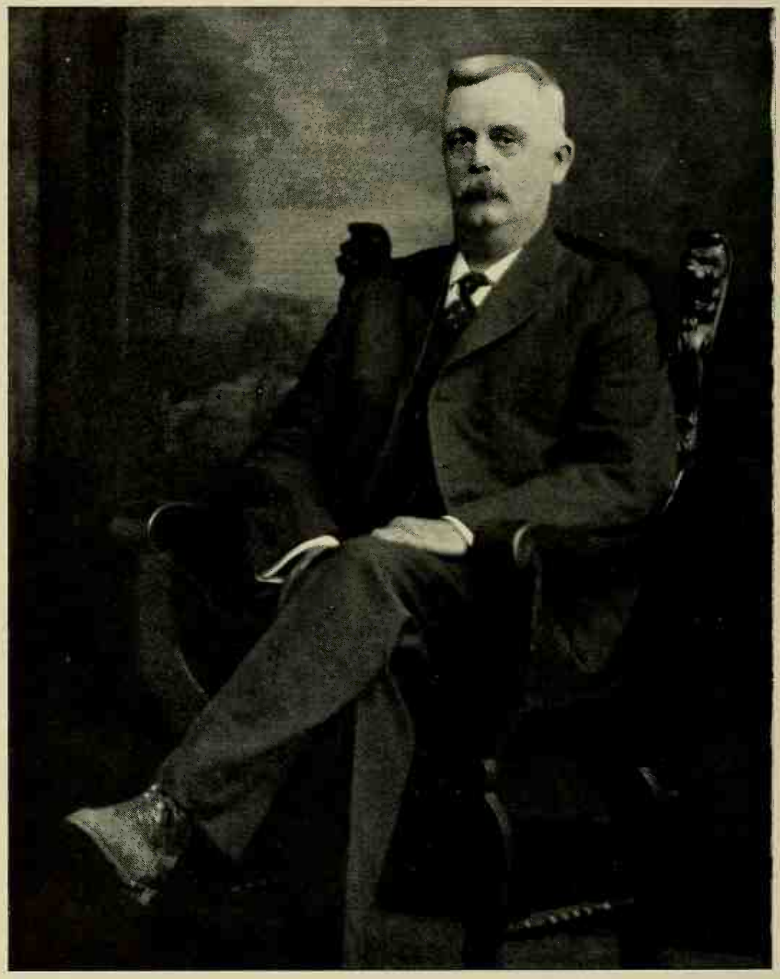
Born in Rush County, Indiana, January 18, 1858.

Married Mary Elizabeth Lindley.

Died in Kokomo, Indiana, February 17, 1924.

See page 165.

DAVID ANDREW SMITH



DAVID ANDREW SMITH.

David Andrew Smith, my mother's brother, was born in Rush County, Indiana, January 18, 1858. He married Mary Elizabeth Lindley January 12, 1882. They had three children:

1. **Thomas Edward Smith.** He was born October 29, 1882. Married Wilbertha Theodosia Lee July 24, 1911. They are now living in Fort Wayne, Indiana. On my way to the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention in May, 1942, I stopped in Fort Wayne and made a visit with them.

2. **Eva Melvina Smith.** Born January 7, 1884. She married Michael John Fisher March 17, 1906. She died in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2, 1917.

3. **Lela May Smith.** Born January 18, 1892. Died August 8, 1892.

They lived on farms in the neighborhood of Greentown for many years. In 1893 his barn burned destroying practically all his livestock and machinery.

Uncle David, as we always called him, lived with our Grandmother on her farm from 1903 until her death. He visited us twice while we were living in Muskegon Heights, Michigan. He seemed to enjoy the children and while visiting us he would always help take care of them. One afternoon when I came home they were having a hilarious time. He had turned down the two folding screens and made a tunnel and had the children crawling through the tunnel. The boys thought they were having the time of their lives. From 1919 till the time of his death he lived in Kokomo, Indiana. He died in Kokomo, February 17, 1924.

THE THOMAS SMITH FAMILY LOT.
Cemetery, Greentown, Indiana.

Our Great Grand Parents

DAVID SMITH

AVID SMITH, the father of Thomas Smith, was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland. His work was, what was called then, a pump borer and as I understand he worked on both sides of the border. He married Sarah Boyd.

He and his three sons came to America in 1852 and settled in the southern part of Henry County, Indiana. It seems that he did not stay long in this country but returned to the Old Country, leaving the three sons here but we do not know just when he went back.

I have heard my Grandfather tell that he sent him money so he could come back to America. He returned in 1868 or 1869. After returning he made his home with my Grandparents in Rush County, Indiana. In June, 1870, late one afternoon he suddenly took sick. My Grandmother sent one of the children to the field to call my Grandfather. He lived but a short time. He was sixty-four years of age.

He was buried in Shiloh Cemetery near the Presbyterian Church they attended, one and one-half miles north of Mays Station. I have heard my Grandfather tell that he had sent money for a grave marker to his brother but the marker cannot be located now. In their visit to Rush County in 1936 my mother and Waldo could not locate the grave.

SARAH SMITH

ARAH SMITH was the mother of Thomas Smith. Before her marriage her name was Boyd. The Boyd family lived near Chapelknowe but on the English side of the border. She died in 1833. The three children were raised by relatives. I have heard my Grandfather tell that the woman who raised him was very kindly but I never learned who she was or what relation she was to him.

CHILDREN OF

DAVID SMITH and SARAH SMITH.

1. JOHN SMITH.

See page 175 for further information.

2. ROBERT R. SMITH.

See page 178.

3. THOMAS SMITH.

See page 153.

JOHN SMITH

John Smith, the oldest brother of my Grandfather, was raised by an uncle in Scotland. He came to America in 1852 and settled near Lewisville, Henry County, Indiana. He married Jane ....., a cousin of my Grandmother, who had been raised by the parents of my Grandmother.

Shortly after the Civil War he moved his family to Missouri near a town called Dawn, and later moved near Harding where he was killed some time before 1870. In 1936 his son, Robert, told my mother and Waldo about their experiences in Missouri. John Smith had sold some property to a man named Campbell who had come from the South. After the sale Campbell objected about the price. At John Smith's suggestion a committee of three was selected to determine if the price had been right. The committee reported that everything had been fair and right. A short time afterwards they met in Harding and Campbell stabbed him eleven times from which he died. The family then moved back to Henry County, Indiana.

On the next page is given a list of the family of John Smith as far as we knew them.

FAMILY OF

JOHN and JANE SMITH.

1. **Robert B. Smith** was the best known by our family of all my Grandfather's people. My mother and Waldo had a pleasant visit with him in 1936 at his home in Newcastle, Indiana. He was eighty-two years of age at that time but was still working every day at the mill. He had four children: 1. Hazel married George Glancy and lived in Lansing, Michigan. They had two children. 2. Herbert Smith lived in Detroit, Michigan, in 1927. 3. Hildreth lived at home in Newcastle. 4. Harriet married Garland Leyman and was living in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1927. They had three children at that time.

2. **Andrew Smith** married ..... Ratliffe and lived in Rush County, Indiana.

3. **Sarah Smith** married ..... Ratliffe and lived in Rush County, Indiana.

4. **Belle Smith** married ..... Ward and lived in Rush County. At one time they lived in Summitville, Indiana. I remember that when I was a small boy we once made a short visit in their home in Summitville.

5. **James Smith** lived in Rush County, Indiana.

6. **John Smith** died when a young man.

ROBERT R. SMITH

ROBERT R. SMITH

Robert R. Smith was born in Scotland in 1829 and came to America in 1852 and settled in Henry County, Indiana in 1853. See page 174. He married Isabella ..... who was a relative of the wife of John Little, page 189. He had a lumber and planing mill in Lewisville, Indiana, and was a building contractor for many years. I saw him just once. In 1892 he and his wife visited us in Howard County. He died in Lewisville about 1895.

They had five children:

1. **David C. Smith** lived in Lewisville and died there, at the age of 59. At the time of his death he had the following children: Ruel Smith of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Andrew Smith and Irving Smith of Lewisville; and Mrs. Glenna Moffitt of Knightstown, Indiana.

2. **Sarah Smith.** She married Horace Johnson and was living in Newcastle, Indiana, in 1927.

3. **Robert Smith** was living in Lewisville in 1927. He made a visit to our home in 1894 or 1895.

4. **Annie Belle Smith.** Died in 1892.

5. **Maggie Smith.** She married a man named Myers, and they were living in Lewisville in 1927. Their daughter married a man named Hall, and they lived in Newcastle.

ANDREW LITTLE

DO NOT have much information about Andrew Little, the father of Grace Smith. What we have found out has been from letters from a granddaughter, Elizabeth Jane Little of Brampton, Cumberland, England, and from a grand-son, David Byers who had access to the old family Bible now in the possession of his brother of Cadgill, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

Andrew Little was born at Red Stones, Halfmorton Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland in 1802. He married Jane Keightley. He died in 1865 at Hill Top, Chapelknowe, and was buried in the church yard in the Parish of Kirkpatrick Fleming.

They were a middle class family and had lived on the same land for several generations. When the lease could not be renewed, the family began to scatter, two of the children coming to America and the others adapting themselves to other types of work. After leaving the land he became what is called in Britain a carrier.

JANE LITTLE

JANE LITTLE.

ANE LITTLE, the daughter of George and Jane Keightley, was the mother of Grace Smith. She was born September 20, 1808 at Bog Side, Halfmorton Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. She married Andrew Little. She died April 9, 1869 at Hill Top, Chapelknowe and was buried in the church yard in the Parish of Kirkpatrick Fleming.

This cemetery has been filled for many years but when the daughter, Sarah Little, died in 1933, arrangements were made for her to be buried in the family plot.

FAMILY OF

ANDREW LITTLE and JANE LITTLE.

The following was copied by David Byers from the old family Bible in the possession of his brother in Cadgill. There were eight children.

1. JOHN LITTLE.
Born June 8, 1831.
For further information see page 187.

2. GRACE LITTLE.
Born October 1, 1833.
Married Thomas Smith.
See page 159 for a sketch of her life.

3. ANNE LITTLE.
Born October 7, 1838.

4. ANDREW LITTLE.
Born September 18, 1840.
For further information see page 191.

5. MARY LITTLE.
Born December 9, 1842.
Married ..... Byers.
For further information see page 193.

6. GEORGE LITTLE.
Born October 17, 1846.
For further information see page 195.

7. SARAH LITTLE.
Born October 6, 1851.
Died May 2, 1933. Buried in Kirkpatrick Fleming Churchyard.

8. JAMES LITTLE.
Born July 9, 1853.
Died about 1914.
He lived for many years at a place called Milk Bank in Lockerbie.

JOHN LITTLE

JOHN LITTLE.

John Little, page 186, the eldest son of Andrew and Jane Little, was born June 8, 1831 at the family home near Cadgill, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He married Mary Ewart in Scotland before coming to America. He left his wife in the Old Country until he could get located in the new land. In 1854 his wife, together with my Grandmother, made the voyage to America.

Some of his wife's relatives migrated to Canada. I remember that sometime about 1900 an estate was settled in Canada and John Little's children received enough for each of them to buy a good farm.

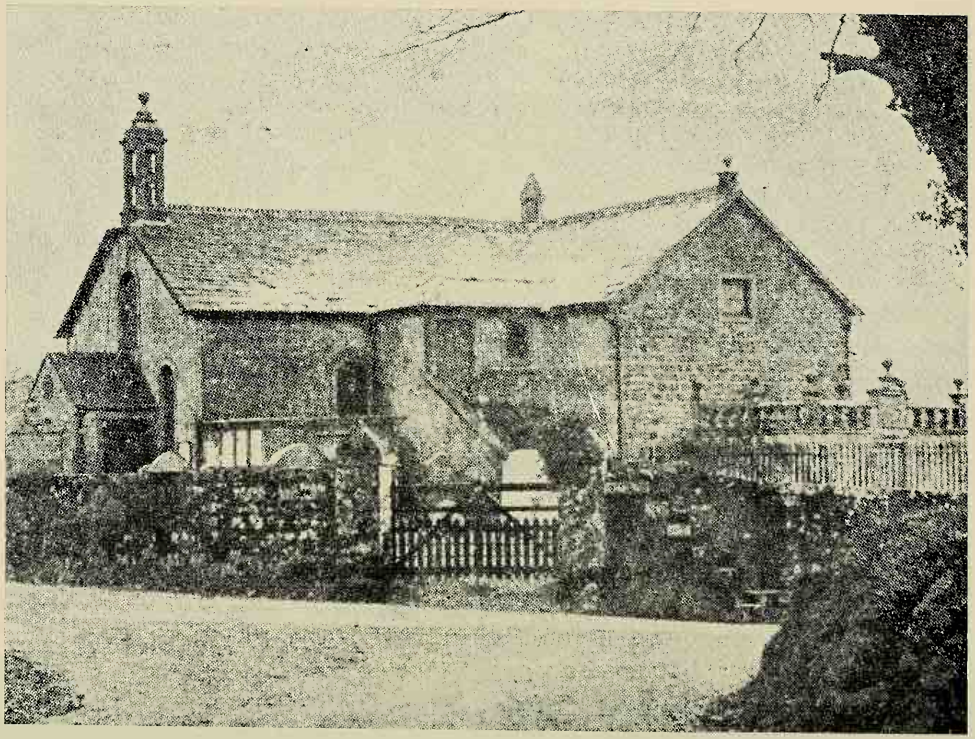
Uncle John, as we usually knew him, had a good farm near Fowlerton, Grant County, Indiana, where they lived for many years. His wife died before I could remember and his daughter Elizabeth and her husband lived with him. We made a number of trips to visit them. He usually came to visit us about twice a year. We boys liked to have him come. He took us to the circus and would tell us things about the Old Country. He always kept his native dialect. He died in 1921 or 1922.

They had three children:

1. **Elizabeth Little** married Sam Hill. She died about 1915.

2. **Grace Little** married Francis Shoemaker. She died in 1931. They have two children: Waldo Shoemaker who is probably living in Grant County, Indiana, but I do not know his address; and Hazel Shoemaker who was working in Muncie, Indiana, the last we knew of her.

3. **Sarah Little** died in 1868 or 1869.



CHURCH AND CHURCH YARD
Parish of Kirkpatrick Fleming, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

ANDREW LITTLE

Andrew Little, page 186, was a son of Andrew and Jane Little and a brother of my Grandmother. He was born at the family home near Cadgill, Parish of Kirkpatrick Fleming, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, September 18, 1840. He died in 1916.

There were four children:

1. **Mrs. H. Graham.** Her husband's name was Richard Graham and he died in 1937. She still lives on the place where they have lived for many years, Little Corby Farm, Warwick Bridge, Cumberland, England, which is about five miles from Carlisle. They have five children all of whom are living in the same community: William Graham, Herbert Graham, J. Graham, Mrs. P. Graham, and Mrs. J. Stephenson.

2. **Elizabeth Jane Little.**

3. **Sarah Little,** who is a teacher. She and her sister, Elizabeth Jane Little, live together in Brampton, Cumberland, England.

4. **Joseph Little.** He was a station master. He died in June, 1933.

My mother kept up a correspondence with Mrs. H. Graham and Elizabeth Jane Little as long as she lived.

MARY BYERS

Mary Little, page 186, a sister of my Grandmother, was born December 9, 1842. She married a man named Byers and lived in the old home community of her family all her life. She died in 1925.

I have heard of six children:

1. **Willie Byers,** who I think lived in or near Cadgill.
2. **David Byers.** He lived in Chapelknowe, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, which is only a short distance from Cadgill, the old home of the Little family. He was a tailor by trade. He died February 6, 1936. He took an interest in the family and it was from him my Mother received information about her relatives. He had access to the old family Bible which is in the possession of his brother in Cadgill. On two other pages records from that old Bible are reproduced.
3. **George L. Byers.** He was an assistant minister in London for some time, and then he became a pastor on the Isle of Man. For many years now he has been pastor in Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland. He is a minister of the Church of Scotland. He has a family but I never learned anything about the children.
4. **Sarah Byers.** In 1933 she was living with her brother, David, in Chapelknowe. In 1939 she was living with her brother, George L. Byers, in Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland.
5. There is another sister but I never learned her name. In 1939 she was living in Carlisle, Cumberland, England.
6. **Thomas Byers.** He has six sons and four daughters. In 1939 they were living in Chapelknowe, next door to the David Byers home.

GEORGE LITTLE

George Little, page 186, another brother of my Grandmother, was born October 17, 1846. We never knew much about his family except that there were at least two daughters:

1. **Mrs. Grace Parker** lives in Keswick, Cumberland, England. She had one son, named Freddie, in 1927. She wrote occassionally to my Mother.

2. **Mrs. Mary Davidson** lives in Carlisle, Cumberland, England. She used to write to Uncle David Smith but since his death we have not heard from her.

Our Great Great Grand Parents

ANDREW LITTLE

and

GRACE LITTLE

ANDREW LITTLE and GRACE LITTLE.

NDREW LITTLE, the father of my Great Grandfather Andrew Little, was born in Halfmorton Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland and died at Red Stones in the same parish.

He married Grace Ewart who was born at Hill Head, Halfmorton Parish and died at Wyles in Gretna Parish.

They lived in Dumfriesshire, Scotland but we know nothing further about them. They had at least one son, Andrew Little. See page 181. There may have been other children but I have not learned about them.

The above information was furnished by my Mother's cousin, Elizabeth J. Little of Brampton, Cumberland, England in 1927.

GEORGE KEIGHTLEY
and
JANE KEIGHTLEY

GEORGE KEIGHTLEY and JANE KEIGHTLEY.

GEORGE KEIGHTLEY was born in the south of England and came with his parents when he was very young to the Parish of Kirkpatrick Fleming, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He enlisted in the British army at Carlisle, England, and served for five years. He fought in the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 and some time later was sent to Ceylon. He died of sunstroke and was buried in Ceylon.

He married Jane Johnstone. About her we know very little. She was born in 1774 at Bog Side, Kirkpatrick Fleming Parish, and died at Hill Top, Halfmorton Parish, in 1858.

This information was obtained by my Mother from her cousin, Elizabeth J. Little of Brampton, Cumberland, England in 1927.

CHILDREN OF

GEORGE KEIGHTLEY and JANE KEIGHTLEY.

The following record was copied from the old family Bible by David Byers. The Bible was in the possession of his brother who lived at Cadgill, the old home of the Little family. For information about the Byers family see page 193.

1. DAVID KEIGHTLEY.
Born August 14, 1805.

2. MARGARET KEIGHTLEY.
Born September 20, 1807.

3. JANE KEIGHTLEY.
Born September 20, 1808.
Married Andrew Little.
Died April 9, 1869.
See page 183 for more about her.

4. GEORGE KEIGHTLEY.
Born September 24, 1810.

5. JAMES KEIGHTLEY.
Born February 26, 1813.
Died February 9, 1829.

6. MARY KEIGHTLEY.
Born July 27, 1817.
Died March 26, 1880.

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